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BoE names Bishop next super

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education voted unanimously Monday night to name Roy Bishop as the district's next superintendent, effective Sept. 1, 2026.

Bishop, currently the deputy superintendent,

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Misty morning

A dense fog blanketed much of the region Tuesday morning, prompting local shutterbugs, including Grosse Pointe News photographer Renee Landuyt, to snap this eerie yet majestic photo of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club's spire emerging from the murkiness hovering over Lake St. Clair.

Cameras spot stranger danger

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Police are on the bumper of a male motorist wanted for what is known as a case of stranger danger.

“We’re getting pretty close,” said Detective Ryan Willmer, less than two days into an investigation that started Saturday afternoon, March 7.

By Tuesday morning, March 10, police had a suspect.

“The Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department has identified a person of interest in the ongoing investigation,” Willmer said. “The individual has been interviewed.”

Police didn’t identify the suspect because no charges had been filed.

“The investigation remains active,” Willmer said. “The case, including any recommended charges, will be submitted to the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office for review.”

Officers mixed high-technology with old-fashioned gumshoe detective work to root out evidence and track an unknown, older man reported last weekend using stuffed animals to lure youngsters his way.

The incident was

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Main Street earns nat’l accreditation

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Somewhat simultaneously, Main Street Grosse Pointe recently achieved national accreditation through Main Street America and advanced to master level status within Michigan Main Street.

Both are the highest statuses a Main Street program can achieve and are evidence of the time and energy local volun-

teers have put into revitalizing The Village since it was accepted into the Main Street Program, essentially replacing the downtown development authority, in June 2020.

“To us, it isn’t just a title; it’s recognition that our community meets the highest standards for preservation-based economic development, which is what Main Street is all about,” MSGP Executive Director Cindy Willcock said. “But almost more

importantly, it validates what we already know: The Village is exceptional because of the partnerships, creativity and care that go into it every day. ... This is a community worth supporting and we’re committed to honoring the character that makes The Village special, while planning boldly for what comes next.”

To be nationally accredited, a local Main Street program must meet the following six

- standards, which can be generally described as:
- ◆ broad-based community commitment to revitalization,
 - ◆ inclusive leadership and organizational capacity,
 - ◆ diversified funding and sustainable program operations,
 - ◆ strategy-driven programming,
 - ◆ preservation-based economic development
 - ◆ and demonstrated

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Contractor set for meter replacements

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — City officials chose a familiar supplier for the next generation of water meters partly to avoid the mess that a mishmash of meter types and sizes had on customer billing last year.

The result was the awarding this week of an up to \$1.5 million municipal contract with vendor Core & Main, a national water system equipment distributor with an office in Canton.

Terms of the contract call for the company to supply and install new water meters citywide.

“Approximately one-

quarter of the city’s existing water meters are already supplied by Core & Main,” said Tom Jenny, public works director. “Continuing with the same vendor ensures compatibility with our existing infrastructure and allows us to maintain consistency across the system.”

An attempt last year to

implement a 23 percent across-the-board water-sewer rate increase went haywire due to a slew of various-sized meters having been installed during the city’s century-long existence. Some bills shot up by hundreds of percentage points until discrepancies were resolved.

New, standardized, real-time electronic mea-

suring equipment replaces the checker-board of old, mechanical meters.

Many vintage units had worn out and were literally operating behind the times. They no longer measured water flow accurately, generally running slow, city officials have said during three years of championing upgrades.

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Woods public safety promotes two

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Two members of the public safety department were promoted during city council’s meeting Monday, March 2.

Brian Urban moved from sergeant to lieutenant, while Officer Dennis Walker was named sergeant. The moves were necessary to fill positions that came open after the retirement of Lt. Brian Conigliaro last December.

Urban has been with the department 20 years, a sergeant the last 10. He became interested in the job after working as a dispatcher for the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department.

“I started doing that when I was 21 and got to

see the different kind of work they got to do every day,” the St. Clair Shores native said. “I also enjoyed the camaraderie and that still stands today.”

Public Safety Director John Kosanke said Urban’s seven years serving on the Eastern Wayne County Special Response Team helped him pass on valuable training to other officers.

“He’s also been invaluable in the areas of fleet management, video and body camera programs and the remodeling of our locker room,” Kosanke added. “He’s received a life-saving award and two director’s commendations.”

Urban said he enjoys the opportunity to support residents in a variety of situations.

Walker, meanwhile,



COURTESY PHOTO

Woods Public Safety Director John Kosanke, center, with newly promoted Lt. Brian Urban, left, and Sgt. Dennis Walker.

joined the department in 2004.

“My great-grandfather was a Detroit police officer and my dad was an auxiliary officer in Royal Oak, plus he’s been the

chaplain for the Madison Heights department as long as I can remember,” he said. “It’s something that’s always been in my life and something I always wanted to do.”

Both Urban and Walker are field training officers and Walker is an instructor at the Macomb Police Academy.

“I originally went to the fire academy, then learned about everything a public safety department does,” Walker said. “Every day it’s something different. You never know what the day will have in store for you.”

Walker was officer of the year in 2016 and has received a life-saving award, a director’s commendation and several awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving for the number of drunken drivers he has arrested.

“These are seasoned veterans who have represented the department well during their tenure,” Kosanke said.

Lining contractor lined up

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — March 3 was a good day to open sewer lining bids.

Early that afternoon in city council chambers, the ceremonial public square of city hall, administrators unsealed bids from five companies trying to elbow each other out of a contract to reline and thereby refurbish around four miles of the municipal sewer system.

The lowest and ultimately winning bid popped eyeballs by being less than expected.

“The low bid is approximately 6 percent below the engineer’s opinion of probable cost,” said Patrick Droze, project manager and principle of OHM Advisors, the city’s consulting engineers.

“It’s not often you get pleasantly surprised by (a) municipal bid, but we did come in under budget,” Councilman Max Wiener said.

An upshot of the deal is the city lowering the maximum water-sewer bond amount to be requested later this spring.

“With bids received, we are recommending the city’s sale of the bond be capped at \$6.5 million,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

Officials had been considering up to \$7 million in bonds.

Sizeland also said the low bid means there could be money left over to line a half-mile more than first sought.

“We were initially looking at four miles of sewer,” Sizeland said.

“We’re trying to do aggressive preventative maintenance,” said Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure commit-

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

New officer

Seth Locklear was sworn in at city hall Wednesday, Feb. 18, as the latest hire to the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department. Pictured are Locklear, left, and Public Safety Director John Hutchins.

Woods still contemplating city hall lawn

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The first part of a larger plan to upgrade the lawn in front of city hall didn’t receive a thumbs up or a thumbs down from city council at its meeting Monday, Feb. 23.

“They weren’t fully ready to commit to a final decision,” City Manager Sue Como said. “They decided to table it and bring it back for more discussion to include changes to the lawn overall.”

Discussion focused on some type of warming area surrounded by walkways on the south end of the lawn.

“The Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation wanted to gauge council’s interest to decide if they should start applying for grants,” Como said. “Council said they didn’t want to approach the project piecemeal.”

Plans were presented last year to make better use of the area in front of city hall where 64 crabapple trees once stood. That included walkways and an amphitheater-type structure with a stage on the north side of the lawn with a covered pavilion and warming area on the south side. The trees, which had slowly been dying, were cut down in 2024.

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METER:

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“Two and a half years ago, Tom Jenny started talking about water meters at infrastructure committee meetings,” said Councilman Max Wiener, committee chairman.

Slow readings contributed to an overall 20 percent rate of untallied water flow and corresponding loss in municipal water revenue, according to administrators.

“Our staff is already familiar with (Core & Main) meters and software, which allows for efficient installation, maintenance and billing

management without the need for additional training or system adjustments,” Jenny said.

Company representatives offered terms that convinced Park counterparts they were eager to win the contract.

“The city has secured pricing with Core & Main that has been locked in since 2025, providing cost certainty and protecting the city from potential market price increases,” Jenny said. “Seeking a new vendor at this time would introduce uncertainty in both pricing and system compatibility.”

Electronic meters are of the smart variety.

“Once logged into your account, you will be able

to view your average monthly consumption, gain insight into your average household usage, be provided with an end-of-month forecast, as well as a comparative monthly average based on your current consumption behavior,” according to meter usage instructions.

The ability to set a consumption limit could prevent or limit water loss due to leakage or broken pipes during periods a customer is away from home.

“You (can) enable real-time alert settings via email or short message service,” according to the instructions. “You can also access past history on a monthly, daily, hourly or yearly basis.”

Warnings about sudden increases in flow rates also give water department officials the jump on identifying water main breaks.

Core & Main representatives will set up appointments with property owners about scheduling meter installation, according to City Manager Nick Sizeland.

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reported at 3:16 p.m. Saturday, March 7, in the 1400 block of Buckingham, one block from Mack Avenue.

“Public safety was called to the block on a report of a man who approached two children offering what appeared to be stuffed animals,” according to an emergency email alert police issued at 4:33 p.m.

“(The) children were rollerblading and had stopped to tie their laces when an older white male driving a Jeep pulled to the curb near them,” according to an update from Chief Jim Bostock. “The male asked both children if they wanted stuffed ani-

mals. The children’s mother observed the vehicle and the driver, approached him and confronted him about speaking to her children. The male apologized and left the area, traveling northbound on Buckingham.”

“The children were unharmed, safe and currently with their family,” the email alert concluded.

Investigators sought leads by sifting through area doorbell and commercial security video.

“We’re trying to discover who was driving the vehicle and the actual vehicle,” Willmer said Monday, March 9.

Descriptions were of a light-skinned, older male, possibly in his late 60s and driving a silver two-door Jeep Wrangler.

Municipal officials said Monday night the Jeep had been traced to a city in Macomb County.

They also credited a network of license plate readers, including those installed in the Park last year, with helping put officers on the trail.

Readers were installed at various locations in the Park due to a \$57,300 donation from the Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods Public Safety Foundation.

“Those readers are always helpful,” Willmer said.

“A lot of high-fiving goes to our public safety foundation partners because of the technology they enabled us to purchase and implement and, of course, the acumen of our own team,” Park Mayor Michele Hodges said.

“We’re very appreciative of the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods Public Safety Foundation, as most recently shown with the case that is about to be solved,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said.

“We are asking for anyone who may have any information or video regarding this case to contact public safety at (313) 822-7400,” Willmer said.

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Chilly Fest recap

To chainsaw sculptor Lonnie Giles of Timber Art, left, every block of wood has a statue inside it. Sawdust filled the air during Chilly Fest Saturday, Feb. 28, in the Park as Giles, a former chainsaw manufacturer's representative, released a log's inner bear. Nearby, members of Girl Scout Troop 78267 capitalized on the popular annual winter festival to staff a booth selling Girl Scout cookies.

"Things are going really well," said troop leader

Lily Felts. Scouts sell cookies January through April to fund troop activities.

"This is our fourth booth already this year," Felt said. "We've had to reorder cookies twice."

Below, from left, trooper Aynsleigh McMillan, in third grade at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School, has a favorite cookie.

"Adventurefuls, actually," she said.

Her troop mates attend Defer Elementary School: Reiya Felts; Milly Young, favoring caramel and coconut Samoas cookies; and Sophia Hammond.

Every so often during

Chilly Fest was heard the four-beat gate — left hind hoof first, then left fore-hoof, right hind and right fore — of a horse powering carriage rides through the neighborhood, right.

Chilly Fest was organized by the Park's recreation department and sponsored by Brosnan Builders and O'Flaherty's Pub.

"It's a great community event," Mayor Michele Hodges said.

Winners of the Chili Cook-Off were Sammy



Whitstock in the Judges Choice category and Andy Blackman in the People's Choice, according to Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation.

"We had 21 incredibly tasty entries," Councilman Patrick Gleason said.

— Brad Lindberg



Shooting at Henry Ford St. John Hospital

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Officers responded to a report of shots fired shortly before midnight Thursday, March 5, in the parking lot along Mack at Henry Ford St. John Hospital.

They found a 17-year-old male from Detroit had been shot by a security guard as he and three other suspects were attempting to steal a vehicle. One of them fired a weapon at the guard, who returned fire. The other three got away.

The suspect who was shot was taken inside the hospital and underwent surgery.

"The safety and well-being of our

team members, patients and community is our top priority and we are grateful our officer was unharmed," the hospital said in a statement.

The hospital was placed on a brief lockdown following the incident.

The suspect has been released from the hospital and is being held at the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility.

As of press time, Woods Public Safety Director John Kosanke said the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office is not releasing any additional information.

—Ted O'Neil

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tee. "We identified four miles of the highest priority areas of sewer."

Council members on March 9 awarded the contract to Pamar Enterprises for \$2,978,519.

Losing competitors submitted bids ranging from \$281,256 to \$741,448 more.

Total outlay for the city is \$3,178,519 due to OHM's \$200,000 fee for engineering, oversight and the contractor's compliance.

Council members also authorized spending up

to \$1.8 million from the water and sewer bond fund for additional lining.

Work this year consists of relining 26,500 feet of sewers 12 to 36 inches in diameter, plus 19 sites requiring excavation to remove obstructions or repair collapses, according to Droze.

Also on tap is cleaning sewers. Some 5,641 feet require regular cleaning. Another 16,688 feet need heavy cleaning, according to the contractor bid form.

"We're not spending money just to spend it," Wiener said.

"The project is part of the city's ongoing effort

to maintain and rehabilitate its aging sewer infrastructure," Sizeland said.

"Sewer lining technology allows the city to restore deteriorating pipes by installing a structural liner inside existing sewer mains, extending the useful life of the system without extensive excavation."

"New liners are smoother than the old pipe, so it helps with long-term maintenance," Droze said.

"Water will flow better because of this," Wiener said.

Additional benefits shield the network from groundwater infiltration and prevent breaks and

backups.

"For built-out communities like the Park, sewer lining is a cost-effective and minimally disruptive approach to infrastructure maintenance," Sizeland said.

"The process avoids major road excavation, reduces impacts to residents and can extend the life of existing sewer pipes for several decades."

Some areas require old-fashioned digging, mainly in backyards in the western part of town, according to Droze.

"You can't do relining once there's any sewer collapse or if joints are defective," he said.

Pamar didn't get the contract by price alone.

"OHM contacted several references for similar lining programs in peer communities," Droze said. "OHM and the city also convened a post-bid meeting with Pamar to confirm their

plan of approach for the work and their designated project manager."

"Pamar previously completed the city's Jefferson sewer separation project in 2025, which was delivered on time and under budget," Sizeland said.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, MARCH 16

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation annual meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizens' Commission meeting, 4 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

MAIN:

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impact and results.

"Main Street Grosse Pointe exemplifies a mature, collaborative and results-driven program that continues to strengthen downtown vitality through design excellence, economic partnerships and meaningful community engagement," wrote Lisa Mullins Thompson, senior program officer for Main Street America, in MSGP's 2025 program assessment. "With renewed focus on storytelling, volunteer development and strategic alignment, The Village is well-positioned for another successful year of growth and recognition."

The master level under Michigan Main Street is awarded after a local program has completed five years, achieved national accreditation and adequately demonstrated its commitment to and forward momentum through Main Street's strategies.

"There has been a concerted effort over the last five years, and for years before that, to ensure The Village is a place that is welcoming, great to do business in

and thriving for residents and visitors to our community," said Chris Moyer, MSGP board chair. "This has been made possible through the leadership at the city, through untold numbers of volunteer hours from so many people ... but it's important to recognize the incredible work of Cindy Willcock, who has been tireless in her giving to The Village and Grosse

Pointe as our executive director.

"This recognition is a validation of all of that work and also just the beginning, because even better things are still on their way."

In the last five years, MSGP has worked to create a sense of place connecting people to The Village; partnered with business owners to offer grant opportunities and training assistance;

rallied passionate volunteers; and lowered the downtown's storefront vacancy rate to 3 percent.

"Just because we've achieved master level or we're accredited doesn't mean the work is done," Willcock noted. "It means we're doing the right type of work in the right type of way to continue to move the downtown and the program forward."


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Deeply rooted: The life and landscapes of Mil Hurley

By Anne Gryzenia
Publisher

Mildred “Mil” Hurley first placed an ad for her “A Southern Gardener” gardening business in the Grosse Pointe News 32 years ago and got her first client. The rest, as they say, is history — really interesting history, actually.

For Hurley, soil runs through her veins. She has been gardening since she was a little girl growing up on Longview Farm, her family’s farm in northeastern North Carolina.

“That Southern soil is part of who I am,” Hurley said. “Longview is still in our family today.”

Her father was a fifth-generation farmer and primarily grew peanuts and cotton. However, it wasn’t the crops her grandfather tended to that piqued her interest; it was her grandmother’s love of plants.

“She would take us into the woods and teach us about the trees, wildflowers and native plants growing there,” Hurley said. “That is where I first learned to observe, to appreciate and to understand the natural world.”

Gardening began as a hobby and passion long before it became a profession. After college, Hurley returned to Virginia to work at a boarding school she had attended as a student. She held the position of director of activities and dramatics, which she cherished.

“It was a joyful and creative job,” she said, “and I loved those two years.”

In 1978, Hurley traded the soft Virginia air for the stubborn winters of



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MIL HURLEY

Mil Hurley, front, and company working on the Moross Greenway.

Detroit after marrying her husband, Michael Anthony.

Despite her Southern roots, she also has grown to love Michigan.

“What I love most about Grosse Pointe is the environment,” she said. “I love the lake, the mature trees and all the greenery.

“The old houses especially speak to me,” she added. “I grew up on an old farm in an old farmhouse, so I have always appreciated history and character.”

Her work in the gardens of these historic homes and buildings is a labor of love and reflects deep knowledge of her craft. A Southern Gardener prides itself on restoring, rejuvenating and refreshing landscapes.

To keep the tradition alive, her daughters joined the fun to become the seventh generation of their family working the soil.

“It has been incredibly special to work with my

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daughters over the years,” she said. “Both of them worked with me when they were in high school at Grosse Pointe South. Throughout the 1990s and 2000s, they helped during summers and college breaks.”

Now, as the 2026 season gets underway, Hurley’s daughter, Anne Mason Colman, known affectionately to many as “Mason,” is officially on board full time — in addition to the 12 women employed by A Southern Gardener.

“She brings tremendous business leadership experience, having run large organizations throughout her career,” Hurley said.

Colman, like her mother, decided to switch gears and get back to her roots.

“Her strength is on the business and operational side,” Hurley said. “Mine remains in the garden. Together, it feels like a beautiful continuation of something that started more than 30 years ago.”

Hurley’s motto has always been “family first” and her goal with her business has always been to keep it simple.

“If you keep it simple, you can have a wonderful life,” she said.

To that end, her hours have always been 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., so her employees can manage their family life along with work.

When asked about any expert tips she could offer,

Hurley simply replied, “Patience,” then added, “You have to wait for a plant to grow into what you have seen in a catalog, a book or online. That waiting can be the hardest part, but it is essential.”

This, and most of Hurley’s wise advice, could easily apply to more than just plants.

Another piece of advice she shared is to plant what works where you live.

“I grew up in the South loving azaleas and dogwoods, but they simply do not thrive here in Grosse Pointe,” she said. “Over the years, I have learned that success comes when you embrace the plants that grow beautifully in Michigan and, even more specifically, what grows well in the Pointes.”

When she’s not tending to her clients, she also



Hurley and her daughter, Anne Mason Colman, at the “Little Island” in New York, designed by world-renown landscape architect Signe Nielsen.

keeps busy as a founding member and board member of the Moross Greenway Project.

“There is nothing better than driving down Moross Road toward St. John Hospital and seeing the plantings along the boulevard,” she said. “Watching that vision become something beautiful and lasting for the community has been very meaningful to me.”

When asked her thoughts about turning a passion or hobby into a business, she offered more sage advice: “If you love what you do, it will not feel like work.”

“That does not mean it is always easy,” she added. “It is not. But when you care deeply about something, even the hard days carry purpose. There is great satisfaction in building something rooted in what you love.”

Hurley lives in Grosse Pointe Park with her husband. When she’s not in the garden, she enjoys spending time with her daughters and being “Poppy” to her grandson, Wells. In the offseason, she’s likely busy finding inspiration for the coming season and continuing to learn via classes and conferences.



Hurley visiting gardens in England.



The family farm, Longview, where Hurley grew up and discovered her love of nature.



Hurley and her team at the Tompkins Center, celebrating Hurley’s 70th birthday and A Southern Gardener’s 30th anniversary.

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“They got hit with fire blight and it just spread from one to another,” then-City Manager Frank Schulte said at the time. “There was nothing to do that would stop it.”

Fire blight is a bacteria that primarily attacks crabapple, pear and apple trees. Once it gains access to a tree’s xylem, it causes blackened, necrotic lesions that release a sticky liquid. It can be spread by rain, birds or insects. It also spreads more readily in damp, humid weather.

During discussions last year, council members said they preferred a staircase-like seating area for the stage and a



Conceptual drawings show an amphitheater-type structure and a warming area with a pavilion as a way to enhance the area in front of city hall.

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fireplace for the warming area similar to those found at The Mall at Partridge Creek in Clinton Township.

The improvements also would enhance the social

district near city hall, one of two council approved on Mack in 2024 that operate 1 to 10 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays from May to October.

Como said the project had been put on the back burner while the city pursued others, including the updated Mack/Vernier intersection, improvements to the

baseball fields at Ghesquiere Park and a walking path at the park.

“We had a lot of other things going on and only so many buckets of money,” she added.

Special prosecutor removed from Ridge Rd. case

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — An involuntary manslaughter case is proceeding against the mother of a Grosse Pointe teen who pleaded guilty to manslaughter with a motor vehicle last year for driving in excess of 100 mph on Ridge Road, resulting in a single-car accident and the death of his passenger, Flynn MacKrell, in 2023.

MacKrell’s parents subsequently brought charges against the teen’s mother, Elizabeth Puleo-Tague, via a century-old Michigan statute that allows a private citizen to prosecute another private citizen, so long as they post a security bond and can get a judge to agree there is sufficient probable cause.

The involuntary manslaughter charge hinges on the allegation Puleo-Tague was aware of her son’s pattern of reckless driving and didn’t do enough to prevent his access to her vehicle. It also leans on the precedent set by the involuntary manslaughter convictions of the parents of the Oxford High School shooter.

The case, which has been unconventional from the start, was further complicated in January, when Farms Judge Charles Berschback was removed from presiding over it due to an appearance of impropriety.

Proceedings resumed last Wednesday before Dearborn Judge Sam Salamey — appointed by the State Court Administrative Office via random draw — who promptly ruled the Farms judge addition-

ally did not have the authority to appoint a special prosecutor over the case.

The ruling was in response to both the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office and the Michigan Attorney General’s Office filing motions to intervene in the case to represent their interests.

The prosecutor’s office alleged the Farms court usurped Prosecutor Kym Worthy’s power as the prosecutorial authority over felony criminal prosecutions in Wayne County.

The Attorney General’s Office further stated it is the only entity with the authority to appoint a special prosecutor in the state.

Salamey agreed with both arguments and granted the motions to intervene — at the same time ordering Special

Prosecutor Paul Stablin, who was appointed by the Farms court to prosecute the case, to vacate his position.

“I don’t believe the appointment was legally sound under the statute, so that appointment is vacated,” Salamey said. “... I believe that the rights of the people are adequately protected by having two prosecutorial authorities who are charged with prosecuting felonies and that is the Attorney General’s Office and the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office.”

The order to vacate currently is stayed — essentially paused — as Stablin is expected to make an appeal.

If the appeal is unsuccessful, prosecutorial rights would return to the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office, which previously declined to prosecute

Puleo-Tague.

“It is this court’s position that the Wayne County Prosecutor is the prosecutorial authority in Wayne County and they are by law charged with prosecuting all of the felony cases that occur in Wayne County,” Salamey said. “Now, if there’s a conflict of interest, of course, or if they decline to prosecute the case, then the Attorney General may decide to do so.”

Puleo-Tague is scheduled to return before Salamey for a probable cause hearing Wednesday, May 27.

“If the Board of Appeals acquiesces with the decision and concurs with this court, then we will proceed forward on the basis of the rulings that I made today,” the judge said. “If not, then we will address these issues at that time.”

T’s crossed on streetscape funding

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A breakdown of construction costs and apportionments are part of a 30-page agreement detailing terms by which the city can receive federal financing for a commercial district streetscape renovation starting next month.

“Total estimated construction cost is \$3,184,739,” according to a resolution city council passed this week regard-

ing the Charlevoix streetscape renovation.

Work is scheduled within the four-block business district between Alter Road and Beaconsfield.

“The project is going to start in April and have substantial completion in late October,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said.

Funding comes from three sources:

- ◆ A \$1,811,344 federal Transportation Alternatives Program grant administered

through the state transportation department.

- ◆ Another \$573,586 comes from the Tax Increment Finance Authority, which encompasses the work zone and operates to stimulate economic development and property taxes within its overall boundaries.
- ◆ The rest, amounting to around \$800,000, is being paid by the city for road resurfacing.

Part of the city’s portion was spent last year to install a water main in the district.

“This is the second phase of the city’s portion,” Sizeland said. “All other costs, other than road funding, will be by the TIFA.”

Council members passed the resolution March 9, in compliance with state requirements.

“The Michigan Department of Transportation requires the Park to pass a certified resolution that (we) understand the project parameters,” Sizeland said.

Federal monies may be

used for clearing earthwork, concrete and brick paver sidewalks, new gutters, storm sewers, rain garden underdrains, signage and pavement parking, plantings, lighting and more.

TAP funds can’t be used for concrete pavement, asphalt milling and paving, electrical work, irrigation, permit fees and fencing off the construction zone.

“We’re blazing to start our streetscape,” Sizeland said. “We’ll have a preconstruction meeting with businesses.”

An email update sys-

tem is available to update interested parties on the project’s status.

Sizeland and the city’s engineering consultant from OHM Advisors confirmed that construction will take place in two phases.

“We’re going to start on the Alter Road section first,” Sizeland said.

Doing roughly half the district at a time is intended to make the businesses more accessible than otherwise.

Nevertheless, the annual Charlevoix Street Fair, generally held later summer or early fall, is canceled this year.

City of Grosse Pointe

Double trouble

A 68-year-old Detroit man was arrested while walking along Notre Dame at 12:35 p.m. Monday, March 2, after stealing miscellaneous items from CVS and Kroger.

Champagne

A black man driving a black Chevrolet Impala with tinted windows stole three bottles of champagne worth \$480 from a neighborhood market on Fisher at 6:05 p.m. Thursday, March 5.

An investigation is ongoing.

Attacked

A 65-year-old Detroit man threw several punches at a nurse at a local hospital when she tried to redirect him to a bathroom after he began urinating on the floor at 8:30 a.m. Friday, March 6.

Clothing grab

Two women stole approximately \$1,700 worth of miscellaneous items from a clothing store in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 4:04 p.m. Friday, March 6, before fleeing in a silver Chrysler 200.

The suspects are described as a black woman around 18 years old, wearing a black bonnet and denim jacket, along with a 20-year-old black woman with a nose ring, wearing a yellow top and pink sweatpants.

An investigation is ongoing.

Tip theft

An unknown suspect, wearing all black, stole a tip jar containing approximately \$60 from a shop in the 17000 block at

Mack at 8:40 p.m. Friday, March 6.

Tax fraud

An unknown person was discovered to have filed a Michigan state tax return in a Grosse Pointe resident’s name Friday, March 6. Someone also used the victim’s Chase Bank debit card to make a \$400 purchase at Meijer.

— Laurel Kraus
Report information about these and other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Lost along the way

A \$25,380 check from the city to a consulting company was discovered last week to have been fraudulently cashed in December. The check was sent in the mail and never made it to the intended recipient.

Loan fraud

A 67-year-old Farms woman learned last week two loans for the University of Phoenix fraudulently were opened using her identity last March.

Smash & grab

A wallet containing \$50 in cash, an ID, insurance card and three debit cards was stolen from a vehicle parked on the second floor of the Cottage Hospital parking garage around 4 p.m. Sunday, March 8.

The front passenger window was smashed to

gain entry.

The suspect, caught on surveillance footage, is described as a young black man with dreadlocks, wearing a black hoodie, black sweatpants and green backpack. He rode a white and red kid-sized bike onto the premises.

— Laurel Kraus
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Bathroom break

A 51-year-old Alabama woman was arrested for home invasion around 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, after entering an unlocked house in the 2100 block of Anita.

The homeowner became suspicious after returning and finding the doors locked. Officers were able to enter the home through an unlocked window and found the woman in an upstairs bathroom.

She tried to conceal a bag of coins in her pants, but it fell out as she was arrested.

Smash and grab

Officers responded to an alarm at a business in the 21000 block of Mack around 3 a.m. Thursday, March 5, to find the front glass door smashed.

They recovered a bag in front of the store containing a sledgehammer. Security video showed three suspects in black ski masks, dark clothing and gloves breaking into the store. It is unknown what items were taken.

Wire fraud

A resident in the 1900 block of Oxford filed a report around 5 p.m. Thursday, March 5, after several attempts were made to withdraw money from her bank account via CashApp.

She earlier responded to an email she thought was from the app requesting she verify her identity and provide account information.

— Ted O’Neil
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Park

Car trouble

Four vehicles — including three of the theft-prone Kia kind — were reported broken into and, at minimum, rifled through while parked in

residential neighborhoods early Friday, March 6.

Three happened within a block of each other below Jefferson. The fourth was about one mile west toward Mack Avenue.

Three vehicles were found with damaged steering columns, a typical sign of attempted auto theft.

Police received reports at 6:30 a.m. in the 900 block of Beaconsfield, 9 a.m. in the 900 block of Nottingham, 12:30 p.m. in the 800 block of Beaconsfield and 4 p.m. in

the 1300 block of Maryland.

— Brad Lindberg
Report information about these and other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch

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OUR VIEW

Overstepping their bounds

Normally, 99.9 percent — or more — of the coverage every week in the Grosse Pointe News is solely about the Pointes. Afterall, the saying on the coffee mugs we give to new subscribers is “What’s local is what matters.”

Local happenings include charity events, fine arts performances, civic matters and athletic competitions. Or it could be Pointers doing things far and wide, such as missionary trips or the Olympic performances of Zach Werenski and Emelia Zingas.

But every once in a while there is a matter outside the Pointes that draws our attention because of the potential impact here. We have written about two such issues so far this year.

The most recent is a package of bills in the Michigan House of Representatives that would preempt local authority with a one-size-fits-all approach to several zoning issues, including duplexes, accessory dwelling units (ADUs), minimum setbacks, lot sizes and dwelling unit sizes.

“House Bills 5529 through 5532, along with related proposed legislation, if enacted, would not only strip local elected officials of their decision-making authority, it would also dismiss years of community planning work and amount to a clear override from Lansing of local voices and voter-backed decisions,” said Amy O’Leary, executive director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, which organized a recent press conference to oppose the legislation. Among those in attendance were City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak, council members Maureen Juip and Terence Thomas and City Manager Joe Valentine; Grosse Pointe Farms Councilman Lev Wood; City Manager Nick Sizeland and councilmen Pat Gleason, Brent Dreaver and Tom Caulfield from Grosse Pointe Park; and Mayor Valerie Kindle and Councilman Ivery Toussant from Harper Woods.

Ms. Tomkowiak made it clear, saying, “What these bills would be doing is taking away control of the neighborhoods, not from elected officials, but from the people we represent. That would mean that our residents would have no voice in what happens in their community.”

One portion of the introduced legislation would prohibit local ordinances from requiring a minimum parcel or lot size greater than 1,500 square feet for detached single-family residences.

How would you like to wake up one day and find a mobile home on that vacant lot next to you? Or what about learning your neighbor has turned their garage into an ADU with plans to rent it out?

There are three main areas city councils spend most of their time on: finances, infrastructure and land use. They spend hours, weeks, years, developing master plans, refining zoning ordinances and making sure property values do not suffer. These bills would make all of that for naught.

Sponsors of the bills claim they are a way to make housing more accessible to Michigan residents by encouraging the growth of housing supply via the removal of local regulatory barriers.

What they do is oversimplify the problem and overlook broader economic pressures at play, such as rising labor and material costs, high interest rates and complex market dynamics.

The second issue, House Bills 5310-5312, would force every public school district in the state to participate in schools of choice.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education has voted against such participation every year since the concept was introduced in 1996. The legislation would require districts to determine their open capacity and make those seats available to students from outside the district without regard to academic



ILLUSTRATION BY KEN SCHOP

GUEST VIEW By Danielle Carlomusto

Know better, do better

As my daughter emerged from a local business cradling her fruit slushy — a long overdue treat for continued improvement with her tennis lessons — she paused and wrinkled her nose.

“Something’s burning,” she noted, wholly unaware that the wayward odor was in fact cigarette smoke from an employee taking a quick drag beside the building.

I was delighted that this egregious smell, once as ubiquitous as shoulder pads and station wagons in my own childhood, was so entirely foreign to this child that it was chalked up to what must’ve surely been a small fire breaking out in the immediate vicinity.

To think that in many of our not-too-distant memories, we easily recall not only cigarette-friendly sections in airplanes and restaurants, but outdoor smoking lounges in public high schools. As I blew her mind with the latter of these revelations, she gazed at me incredulously, wondering how on earth the massive amounts of information and common sense had slipped by so many people tasked with the well-being of children in schools. She was right. The science had been present for years; study after study, scientific alarm bell after scientific alarm bell, picture after picture of black lungs and mangled jaw



lines. Though smoking lounges were long gone by the time I entered high school, I think about the traditionalists who had surely dug in their heels beforehand, delaying progress by hanging onto long-disproven propaganda from a well-funded industry.

“But students need their break times! Smoking won’t go away just because we get rid of these lounges! It’s motivating them to go outside!” I could hear them say.

I settled on assuring my daughter that once we all knew better, we did better.

I can only imagine that someday my daughter may emerge from a local establishment with her own daughter 30 years from now, plutonium-blue supersonic slush in hand, where perhaps they’ll encounter a similar scenario. Only this time it will be someone immersed in personal technology, earbuds festooning their head, completely devoid of

any connection to the outside world or the humanity within it. So foreign a sight to behold someone so out of touch with human connection and the beauty surrounding them that perhaps my granddaughter will wrinkle up her face and wonder aloud, “What’s that person doing?”

My daughter then will relay antiquated tales of personal 1:1 technology overtaking many a childhood from the past — even in classrooms.

My granddaughter will gaze at her incredulously, wondering how on earth the massive amounts of information and common sense had slipped by so many people tasked with the well-being of children in schools. And she will be right. The science had been present for years; study after study, scientific alarm bell after scientific

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LETTERS

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Community deserves more

To the Editor:

I am surprised that certain members of the board of education selected a new superintendent so quickly. Trustee St. John’s comment in the Feb. 26 Grosse Pointe News article that “we kind of have a favorite in mind” concerns me. Did you honestly have a favorite or not?

Even though I may not have young children in the schools, my voice — and the voice of every community member — should not be ignored. Decisions that shape our schools affect the entire community and deserve transparency and public engagement.

RORY SULLIVAN
Grosse Pointe Farms

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I SAY By Laurel Kraus



Cozy up with a good book

Imagine this: You pick up a novel where the main protagonist is a woman in her 30s running a small bookshop in a quaint neighborhood. She goes about her daily life inventorying books and planning author talks, joined by the shop’s inexperienced barista, who spends the book learning the art of making a truly good cup of coffee; a first-time author who is navigating a midlife career change; and the shop’s regular customers, such as an

18-year-old student who is struggling to identify his purpose in life and a woman learning the art of mindfulness to let go of anger toward the way her life turned out. Nothing much else happens. There is no big bad. No money-hungry chain bookstore the main character is competing against. No creditors knocking down her door for missed payments. If anything could be considered an antagonist in this novel, it would be life itself — but only in the subtle, mundane way life presents each of us with personal trials and concerns to ponder. The novel is “Welcome to the Hyunam-Dong Bookshop” by Hwang

Bo-Reum — my favorite read of 2025 — and is representative of a genre best described by the Japanese term, *Iyashikei* literature. “*Iyashikei*” translates to “healing” or “cozy” and refers to slice-of-life stories that center on gentleness and introspection. They contain minimal conflict, creating a comforting, almost therapeutic atmosphere for the reader. These character-driven stories are meant to be slow-paced, highlighting the beauty and enjoyment of everyday life, and to feel like a breath of relaxation. Most are centered around a communal physical place — think bookstore, cafe, convenience store, library or train — and follow the lives of the people who come into contact with that place, such as the owners, employees, customers and neighborhood residents. There is no overstated climax or resolution in these novels — only characters slowly making peace with internal struggles and quietly growing into healthier stages of life. A testament to the authors, these stories are not in the least bland or boring. They’re colorful, hopeful, thought-provoking and a reminder of the magic that can exist in everyday life. They make me think of the quote, “Maybe the amount of good things in

life depends on your ability to notice them.” *Iyashikei* novels provide a sense of solace from the hecticness of “the real world,” encourage contentment within one’s own circumstances and often leave the reader with calming, philosophical concepts to ponder. “The moment we realise that the life we might be what someone else yearns for, our worldview, once the size of a keyhole, expands as if we’re standing in front of a full-length window, and our ears, clogged with lies and exaggeration, clear to welcome genuine voices speaking to us,” writes Hwang in her most recent book, “Every Day I Read: 53 Ways to Get Closer to Books.” “We’re still living the same life as yesterday, but with our eyes and ears open; we become a different person. Knowing that there isn’t only one path in life assuages our worries, and instead of pacing nervously at every crossroad, we gain the courage to walk ahead with confidence.” For anyone as intrigued by the concept as I was, some other favorites among *Iyashikei* literature I’ve read so far are “The Second Chance Convenience Store” by Kim Ho-yeon and “Days at the Morisaki Bookshop” by Satoshi Yagisawa.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1951
75 years ago this week
CHEAT DEATH IN FREAK MISHAPS: Six young Pointe residents cheated death Sunday in two spectacular accidents which furnished headlines and news pictures for Monday’s Detroit dailies. Three of them crashed in a private plane at City Airport. The others were pulled from the icy waters of Lake St. Clair following a sailing mishap.
MINOR EXPLOSION DISCLOSES POINTERS HAVEN’T LEARNED MUCH ABOUT PREPAREDNESS: A small explosion coupled with the sound of two jet planes racing across the sky proved how badly Pointe residents are in need of training and preparation against an A-bomb attack, George Elworthy, Grosse Pointe director of Civilian Defense, declares. “Since shortly after the outbreak of the Korean War, we have been advising and warning people what to do in the event of an attack,” he said, “but

judging by the panic the small explosion caused, no one has paid much attention to us.”
KROGER MARKET OPENS NEXT WEDNESDAY: Smartly styled and modern as all tomorrow, the new Kroger unit with colonial windows is located in the Farms at 18850 Mack, at Moross Road. It is another step in Kroger’s giant “Parade of Progress” which will mean the addition of several new units in the Detroit district.
1976
50 years ago this week
ICE STORM RIDDLES POINTE: The remnants of a severe ice storm which struck the Pointes and much of southern Michigan last week can readily be seen along area streets with piles of twisted tree branches and limbs tangled together on city property, toppled trees awaiting removal and city crews diligently working to clean up each community. As of March 9, Detroit Edison’s public

information office reports that some 2,500 customers were still without power in the Pointes, while indicating power should be restored by the middle of the week.
GPEA CALLS MILLAGE BID INSUFFICIENT: The Grosse Pointe Education Association, looking ahead to spring contract negotiations, has issued a statement rapping the Board of Education’s proposed millage proposition, which will go to voters March 29. “The GPEA realizes the need for the millage proposed by the Board of Education,” the statement reads, “but stresses that 2.75 mills will not fund Grosse Pointe schools at our current program and staffing levels.”
13-YEAR DROUGHT ENDS: SHS NEW CAGE CHAMPS: The number 13 proved to be lucky for South High’s cagers as they defeated Lake Shore 65-57, for South’s first District championship in 13 years. South set up the showdown with the Bi-County League co-champs by defeating North High, who shared

the Bi-County title with Lake Shore, 62-45, on March 1, and Lakeview 42-32 on March 3.
2001
25 years ago this week
NEW AIR JORDANS CAUSE NEAR-RIOT AT LOCAL RETAILERS: Several cities across the country reported crowd control problems including fighting and property damage when the latest Nike basketball shoe went on sale last Saturday and this area was not immune. Eastland Mall got a taste of the frenzy which surrounded the releases of the Retro Air Jordan XI. Harper Woods police chief Larry Semple estimated that roughly 1,500 people showed up before the mall opened for a shot at one of the 400 pairs.
SHORES TO SPEND \$7,500 TO STUDY PARK’S FUTURE: The Grosse Pointe Shores vil-

lage board of trustees voted to give \$7,500 to the special ad hoc committee that is studying the future of Osius Park. The money will be used to hire experts for the purpose of advising the committee on what’s cost-effective and practical given certain unique soil conditions in the park.
PASSING THE TORCH: Longtime City of Grosse Pointe manager Tom Kressbach gave the oath of office to his replacement, Mike Overton, on March 2. Kressbach had served as the City’s manager for 35 years and announced his retirement late last year. Overton, 37, had previously served as the city manager of Roosevelt Park.
2016
10 years ago this week
WOODS LOOKS TO MERGE LOCKUP: With a state grant and a signed

contract in hand, officials are moving forward on plans for renovations to the dispatch and lockup area in the Woods Public Safety headquarters. The grant, from the Michigan Department of Treasury — Competitive Grant Assistance Program for \$500,000, will cover the costs of renovations in anticipation of combining dispatch services and lockup facilities with Grosse Pointe Shores. There is a tentative agreement with Grosse Pointe Farms to consolidate lockup services, while discussions are ongoing regarding dispatch services.
KASICH VISITS ULS ON TRAIL: Ohio Gov. John Kasich made a campaign stop Monday at University Liggett School and was greeted by a standing room only crowd. Kasich was in Michigan ahead of the presidential primary Tuesday. He was introduced by Grosse Pointe Park resident Andrew Richner as “one Buckeye we can all get behind.”



A peaceful pink

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Craig Blankenhorn snapped this photo on the edge of Lake St. Clair, where Warner meets Lakeshore, at dusk March 1. “I took this because the lake looked so peaceful with the pink tinge in the sky,” he said.

PHOTO COURTESY OF CRAIG BLANKENHORN

GUEST:

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alarm bell, attention span after attention span compromised by dopamine pings, classroom disconnect and reward system overload. I’m sure she’ll have stories of traditionalists that dug in their heels, delaying progress by hanging onto long-disproven propaganda from a well-funded industry.

“Ed Tech isn’t going anywhere! It

gets them excited to learn! Embrace it or get left behind!” she’d heard them say. And then perhaps she’ll settle on assuring my granddaughter that once we all knew better, we did better. *Danielle Carlomusto is a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, children’s media advocate, TEDx speaker, recipient of the Michigan Governor’s Service Award for Youth Impact and founder of the Gro-Town agro-gardening enrichment program for young children.*

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The War Memorial

Painting by Taylor Mouroufas

The Helm, PAATS get block grants

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — When British poet John Clare itemized sweet omens of spring — “sparrows chelp glad tidings from the eaves” — he somehow missed the annual distribution of Community Development Block Grants.

No recent spring has sprung without city officials distributing \$20,000 worth of CDBGs.

This year’s allocation by the Park council March 9 paralleled those from before.

To quote last year’s report, “Every cent of an annual federal grant issued to the city is being disbursed to two local organizations primarily serving senior citizens.”

The breakdown, once again, was:

- ◆ \$14,000 to The Helm, known formerly as Services for Older Citizens, and
- ◆ \$6,000 to Pointe Area

Assisted Transportation Services.

“Given the ever-increasing need for services due to the increasing size of the older adult population, The Helm could not be more valuable at this moment in time,” Mayor Michele Hodges said. “To see them grow their level of service is important to the community and something we support.”

“This funding is an integral and sustaining component of our annual operating budget and is essential to maintaining services for older adults in the community,” according to a request for the donation by The Helm Executive Director Krista Siddall.

Likewise with the transportation system. It provides transportation services for residents of all the Pointes and Harper Woods aged at least 60 or disabled of any age.

“PAATS provides vital transportation in our

community that support health, independence and quality of life,” according to Board President Robert Barrette.

“It’s there if you need it,” Hodges said. “It allows us to maintain our status as a community of choice.”

“For many years the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods have chosen to transfer their block grant funds to The Helm,” said Jaime Rae Turnbull, The Helm board member and Park resident. “This long-standing approach allows our communities to support vital senior services while ensuring the funds are used in accordance with federal guidelines and in a way that maximizes their impact for local residents. I encourage the Grosse Pointe Park City Council to continue this allocation so that our seniors can keep benefiting from essential programs and support The

Helm provides.”

The Helm and PAATS are based at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge in Grosse Pointe Farms.

CDBGs are a federal program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Their usage is relatively open-ended, but in general is to promote the public good.

“The program supports community development activities to build stronger and more resilient communities,” according to a HUD website, hudexchange.info. “Activities may address needs such as infrastructure, economic development, community centers (and) public services.”

Every year in recent years, the Park, City, Farms, Shores and Harper Woods independently sent all their block grants to The Helm and PAATS.

“The Park found that (The Helm and PAATS) meet federal objectives of

the CDBG program and are prioritized by the community as high-priority needs,” according to a resolution the Park City Council passed unanimously March 9.

Representatives of both recipients bolstered their requests for donations by itemizing benefits to the suburbs they serve.

The Helm

Helm activities during 2025 consisted of:

- ◆ “Seniors received assistance 62,098 times, reflecting both the breadth of need and consistent utilization of our services,” Siddall said.
- ◆ Delivering 33,000 meals to senior citizens through Meals on Wheels.
- ◆ Providing 4,201 hours of presentations and programs to enhance the quality of life for seniors and
- ◆ Making 1,903 individual calls and home visits to seniors for support and assistance.

PAATS

“PAATS provided 12,434 trips in 2025,” according to Barrette.

He specified some of the tally:

- ◆ 1,835 curb-to-curb rides for seniors to medical appointments,
- ◆ 5,019 trips for shopping, banking, socialization and more and
- ◆ 3,578 rides for disabled students of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Contact

A 48-hour advance registration is required to get a ride from PAATS. Transportation is available Monday through Friday, not weekends.

Costs are \$2 to \$4 each way.

Call (313) 394-9712 for reservations and details or visit myride2.com.

For more information about Meals on Wheels, call The Helm’s support services department at (313) 649-2105 or visit helmlife/support-services.



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Woods recognizes longtime volunteers

Grosse Pointe Woods honored members of its boards, committees and commissions with 10-, 15-, 20-, 25- and 30-year recognition awards at its annual Commission Appreciation Reception, held at the Lochmoor Club. These 13 individuals represent over 200 collective years of volunteering. Residents are invited to apply to vacancies by contacting the city clerk’s office.

From left are Al Fincham, Community Events Committee; Rachele Koester, Beautification Advisory Commission; Jenny Boettcher, Community Events Committee; John Vitale, Construction Board of Appeals; Christian Fenton, Community Events Committee; Mark Kent, Local Officers Compensation Commission; Gib Heim, Citizens Recreation Commission; Ronald Wehrmann, Senior Citizens Commission and Bruce Smith, Community Events Committee. Not pictured are Heidi Uhlig-Johnstone, Senior Citizens Commission; Philip Hage, Beautification Advisory Commission; Grant Gilezan, Planning Commission and Carolyn Nantroup, Board of Review.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 2, 2026

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held February 18, 2026.
- 2) To remove item CM 02-32-26 from Tabled and Pending and move to Old Business 1.
- 3) To remove item CM 02-32-26 from Old Business and refer it back to the City Manager.
- 4) That the Regular City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2026 be canceled.
- 5) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon and with no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 134477 through 134569 in the amount of \$1,376,040.60 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve Payment to Anderson, Eckstein, & Westrick Inc. in the amount of \$51,366.19 for professional services during the month of February 2026 for the following projects: NG911 GIS updates #180-393; Temp Water Operator #180-303; 2026 Misc. Concrete Rep. #180-388; 2026 Joint Crack/Seal #180-392; Salter Park Comm Ctr #180-348; Miss Dig #180-255; Mio-Tac Grant #180-385; FDCVT Grant App #180-387; DWRF Lead Water Svc Repl #180-331; 2025 Sanitary Sewer Lining #180-379; 2026 San. Sewer Clean CCTV #180-391; 2025 San. Sewer Rep. #180-365; 2026 San. Sewer FCIPP #180-390; 2026 Storm Sewer Rep. #180-389; 2025 Storm Sewer Rep. #180-362; CWSRF Sewer Rehab #180-382; CWSRF FCIPP Sewer Rehab #180-383; CWSRF SCIPP Sewer Rehab #180-384. (3) approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$11,100.82 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of January, IT support services for all departments and the purchase of a computer, monitor, hard drive, and a surge protector. (4) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,703.33 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of March 2026. (5) approve payment to Michigan Municipal League in the amount of \$7,907.00 for Membership dues from February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027. (6) approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$6,300.00 for the trimming and removal of trees. (7) approve payment to Blue-Water Solutions in the amount of \$22,551.33 for purchase of water meters of various sizes for inventory replacement. (8) approve payment to Wolverine Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$9,345.00 for the delivery of crushed concrete/rock, removal of main break spoils, and deliveries of inventory replacement for main break repairs. (9) approve the proposed lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for the SendPro Mailcenter 2000 mailing system in the amount of \$343.63 a month for 48 months. (10) approve payment to Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) in the amount of \$6,976.00 for the EPA required drinking water testing.
- 2) to approve the contract modification in an amount not to exceed \$340,000.00 with L. Anthony Construction for the 2026 Miscellaneous Concrete Repair Program #180-388.
- 3) to approve the contract modification in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 with Michigan Joint Sealing, Inc. for the 2026 Pavement Joint and Crack Sealing Program #180-392.
- 4) to approve the contract modification in an amount not to exceed \$105,202.50 with Insituform Technologies USA LLC, for 2026 Critical Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program, #180-390.
- 5) to approve the contract modification in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 with Dukes Root Control, Inc. for 2026 Sewer Cleaning and CCTV Investigation Program, #180-365.
- 6) to approve the contract modification in an amount not to exceed \$325,000.00 with Great Lakes Contracting LLC for the 2026 Storm Sewer Repair Program, #180-389.
- 7) to authorize participation in a Central Dispatch Study to be performed by Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. and to approve payment to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods for the City’s proportionate share of the total cost, which has been calculated to be \$5,874.16.
- 8) to approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$1,057,330.05 for the Milk River Drain principal and interest payments; \$906,751.69 principal and interest on the SRF Bond # 5446-01 and \$150,578.36 on the SRF Bond #5446-02.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

Published: GPN, March 12, 2026

Honoring His Honor

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Retired Judge Carl Jarboe took his final step down from the bench last month with a commemorative gavel and mayoral proclamation in hand.

“This gavel an important symbol of the work you did,” Mayor Michele Hodges told him Feb. 5.

“Thank you very much, mayor,” Jarboe said.

Tangible evidence of Jarboe’s impact on the public is in a handwritten letter written to him nearly 12 years ago by a recipient of his justice:

“To Your Honorable Judge Jarboe,

“This letter is enclosed with a \$35.00 check, the last of my payments to your court. I not only want, but need to thank you and the Grosse Pointe Park court system. You have been understanding, lenient, and more than fair.

“I know I did wrong but it always help (sic) when there is understanding that sometimes good people get in trouble. No excuses. Just lots of appre-



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BRAD LINDBERG

ciation. “Thank you.”

The letter is pinned to a bulletin board outside court offices on the top floor of city hall.

Memories Jarboe amassed during 31 years as municipal judge at least

equal the impact he had on the community.

“(Jarboe) presided over countless proceedings with wisdom, patience and respect for all parties, earning the confidence of litigants, attorneys, colleagues and the community,” according to the proclamation. “Upon retirement, Judge Jarboe leaves a legacy of judicial excellence, public service and commitment to justice that will continue to inspire future generations.”

“Along with the accomplishments mentioned,” Councilman Marty McMillan said, “our judge raised six kids in our community and was actively involved in every one of them. I don’t know how you squeezed it all in, but you did a great job. Thank you for your years of service.”

Liggett student wins statewide competition

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — It’s not every day a high school student gets a call from the governor’s office, but that’s exactly what happened to Amelie Duhaime about a week before Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s State of the State address last month.

Students were invited to design a cover for the evening’s program or submit an essay focused on what they love about Michigan.

Duhaime, a sophomore at University Liggett School, not only won the writing contest, she did so with a poem instead of an essay.

“My teacher (Elizabeth Wagenschutz) encouraged me to take that risk,” the Farms resident said. “I just decided to write about my experiences growing up in Michigan.”

Duhaime said her family vacations around Michigan each summer, with recent memorable trips to Traverse City, Petoskey and the Upper Peninsula.

“Even though it was supposed to be an essay, I thought a poem was better at conveying the imagery,” she added. “I wrote the first draft in one sitting, then went back and added little details.”

Duhaime and her fam-

ily were guests at the address the night of Wednesday, Feb. 25.

“I got to meet the student who designed the collage for the cover of the program, which was neat,” she said. “We used a lot of the same references, like cherries and the Great Lakes.”

Wagenschutz, who teaches honors English, said she wasn’t surprised Duhaime won.

“Amelie’s success is a perfect reflection of what we strive for in our place-based curriculum,” she said. “Our students don’t just study literature in a vacuum; they examine how place and culture shape identity. From writing monologues for Elmwood Cemetery to exploring Michigan’s literary landscape, Amelie and her classmates are constantly grounded in their surroundings. Seeing her poetry recognized at the state level is a testament to her talent and the depth of her connection to Michigan.”

Duhaime, who also plays field hockey and tennis at Liggett, said English is among her favorite classes. Although she hasn’t picked a college yet, she’s considering going into public policy after hearing the governor’s speech.

“I thought it was very empowering and had a forward-looking tone,” Duhaime said.

“I Am the Mitten”

I am the mitten
a hand that has held the times
and has the scars to show

My hand held the water
first
Superior’s waves
Michigan’s shine in my palm
Huron’s islands
The sound of Lake Erie’s wind

My fingers reached for the pines
Each branch tipped with frost
A woodpecker and a tree
Sap clinging to my skin

I held the Natives
Powtami, the embers from the fire
whispering in the wind
Odawa, paddles knocking against canoes
Ojibwe, drums in the forest night
I held them when they cried

In my hand, our new world was made
The assembly lines of Detroit
in my hand

In the creases of my hand,
music is heard
Motown heard through the bricks
And gospel
The snap of a tambourine,

I hold the cherries
Crispy potato chips
A Coney dog
A ginger ale

I hold the winter numbing my hand
Sledding down a hill after the first snow
A deer and her fawn in the clearing
Air so cold you can see your breath

I hold the spring
Pontoon boats bumping against the dock
A sailboat out on the lake
Pockets brimming with Petoskey stones

Summer warms my soul
Ramshackle cabins
Bonfires with sticky burned marshmallows
Fireflies above the grass

I hold the fall
Warm cider spilling from a mug
A bruised apple falling from a tree
Children jumping into piles of leaves

And Michigan is written on the lines of my palm
Some are rivers
Others are roads
And telephone poles
But all are Michigan.

Our Lady Star of the Sea presents ‘Annie Jr.’ March 12-13

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School, 467 Fairford Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, performs “Annie Jr.” at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, and Friday, March 13, in the school’s gymnasium.

Featuring a cast and crew of nearly 60 students, the show will take theatergoers on a trip back to 1930s New York City and the timeless story of Little Orphan Annie.

Tickets will be available at the door both evenings.



GPPSS looking to connect with alumni

The Grosse Pointe Public School System recently launched a comprehensive alumni data verification project. GPPSS assembled the information currently listed in its alumni files and needs help to confirm the accuracy of their records and fill in any information gaps. Alumni will be receiving a post-

card and an email from publishingconcepts.com that will include a specific invitation ID and reference number.

The district wants to make sure alumni know the postcard is valid and there is no requirement to purchase an alumni directory to be included in the database.

SUPER:

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will succeed Andrea Tuttle, who announced in January she will retire from the position effective Aug. 31, 2026.

The vote came after Trustee Sean Cotton made a motion to amend the resolution for the appointment, which also passed 7-0. The resolution now reads board President Clint Derringer and the district’s legal counsel will enter into contract negotiations with Bishop after the full board meets in closed session to set parameters for those negotiations.

The board voted 5-2 in late February to make a direct appointment for the position rather than go through a search process with a professional firm. Trustees Ginny Jeup and Cotton voted against the motion, saying they favored a search process rather than an immediate appointment.

In 2023, after the previous superintendent left the district, the board contracted with the Michigan Association of School Boards for \$10,000 to conduct a national search for a new superintendent. The district received 39 applications and conducted seven public interviews, with Tuttle and another candidate being brought back for second inter-

views.

Tuttle was eventually hired by unanimous vote in early 2024.

Trustees said they were appreciative Bishop reached out to each of them over the past few weeks and requested individual meetings with them.

“I shared several things with you that I also want to share with the community,” he said before the vote. “Over the last 20 years of my educational journey, I’ve had the opportunity to learn from some incredible educators in some incredible communities.

“My journey has not always been easy, but through it all I remain steadfast on my why,” he continued. “That is to advocate for every student and build a school system where our learners are empowered, sup-

ported and prepared for success in life.”

After the vote, Bishop thanked the board, his family and the community. He also thanked Tuttle “for your kindness and positive voice.”

This is Bishop’s 10th year with GPPSS, serving as deputy superintendent the last five. He started as principal at Mason Elementary School.

Bishop has a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Eastern Michigan University, a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction from Marygrove College and a doctorate in organizational leadership from Oakland University.

He previously was a teacher, instructional coach, athletic director and principal in Birmingham Public Schools.



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University Liggett School sophomore Amelie Duhaime in the Capitol rotunda last month the night of the governor’s State of the State address.

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Farms native looks to edit physical spaces with new business

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Grosse Pointe South graduate and Farms native Ellen Post DuFresne recently launched a home organization business, The East Side Edit, driven by her passion for helping others declutter and reorganize their spaces.

“I created a logo on Canva, posted on the Grosse Pointe Swap page and was like, I’m

probably going to get four likes,” she said. “And that did not happen. My inbox was exploding. I was so overwhelmed with so many people commenting.”

With a degree in event planning from Bowling Green State University, DuFresne worked several years for yacht clubs before most recently working in the sales and logistics industry.

After helping her own friends and family with home organization for

years, she decided to turn it into a business. “Starting in high school, I’ve just been kind of like an OCD freak,” DuFresne said. “Even in my own space, living at home, I was always the one with the clean room.”

“... I’ve been helping out family and friends for years, so I just wanted to help others to make their life less overwhelming.”

Though she’s open to “editing” a wide variety

of spaces, DuFresne specializes in the organization of closets, pantries, home offices, basements, nurseries, play areas and toy rooms.

For interested clientele, she offers free in-home consultations to assess the space and provide a clear plan before beginning. Her services are then \$35 an hour with a \$20 deposit.

“(A key component) is finding a home for everything you have,” DuFresne said. “If every-

thing doesn’t have a home, the clutter is going to come back eventually.”

She also works with clients looking to get rid of unnecessary items that are only taking up space.

“I tell them to put a pile aside of what they already know they want to donate,” she said. “I actually live right by a Salvation Army and I will take it with me after my shift and I’ll go donate for you if you don’t have

the time.”

Satisfied clients have said DuFresne handles in two days what would have taken them months.

“I focus on systems that actually work for real life,” she said. “It’s not just something that looks pretty for a week or just very basic Pinterest (styles).”

Services can be scheduled by reaching out to DeFresne on Instagram @eastsideedit or Facebook at Ellen Post DuFresne.



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Before and after photos of a basement playroom tackled by DuFresne.



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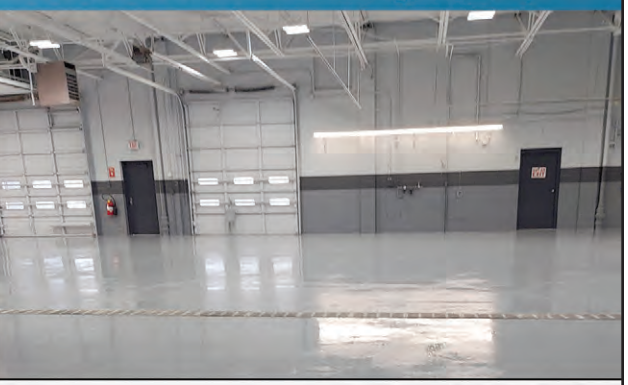
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Woods artist shares ‘Where Art Lives’

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Grosse Pointe Woods artist Ashley Menth has been creating artwork for decades, but the full-time registered nurse only began showing it four years ago. In that short time, she has quickly made a name for herself in the Detroit art scene and soon will headline an exhibition at MAC Galleries.

“Where Art Lives” opens Saturday, March 14, and runs through Saturday, April 4.

“The show will have a lot of new work from me,” said Menth, who transitioned from using acrylics to oils a few years ago. “‘Where Art Lives’ is all places and ways we absorb fine art. My signature piece, ‘Central Park 5,’ captures the audience at the Detroit Opera House, watching ‘The Central Park Five,’ composed by Anthony Davis. The performance really moved me. All of my pieces are from my life — places I’ve been, experiences I’ve had.

“The show is about how art can move us and when we’re moved, changes can happen and our lives are better for it,” she added. “The show also is about enhancing our lives and homes with original fine art.”

Other work displayed will include a piece depicting the inside of the Fisher Building, with its coved ceilings, frescos and terrazzo floors, as well as the “living art installation” of blossoming cherry trees from Tokyo that are planted along Belle Isle.

“There’s also some



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Ashley Menth’s “Central Park 5 — Detroit Opera House.”



The award-winning “Restless Dreamer,” left, and Menth’s depiction of Toyko’s living art installation on Belle Isle.

very introspective work,” Menth said. “A painting of my daughter-in-law putting my granddaughter to bed shows the act of nurturing and mothering. Behind them on the

wall is my painting of the Belle Isle Bridge, so it’s also about the legacy of my work. It’s about having art in rooms where lives are being lived.” The piece, “Restless

Dreamer,” placed first in a five-state juried exhibition at Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey — one of several accolades Menth has earned since she started show-

ing her work.

Personally demonstrating “where art lives,” Menth and her husband, Jason, have been hosting featured artist dinners at their



home the last 10 months.

“Each one is a sold-out show,” she said. “The dinner ticket includes a piece of artwork from the featured artist. It’s a very small gathering, very intentional. The focus is on artists who are up-and-coming or blue-chip artists.”

The couple recently hosted Tzu Poré, who sold pieces to the entire group of 10, but also brought extra artwork and sold those as well.

“All proceeds go to the artists,” Menth said. “Jason and I pay for all the food, although we’re looking for a grant. It serves as a green-light fund.”

Featured artists have used proceeds on various endeavors, from purchasing a tent to use at art fairs, to opening new gallery space to scaling up to larger canvases.

“My network for these artists is the Detroit Fine Artists Breakfast Club, which meets every Monday evening at Marygrove Conservancy,” Menth said. “It’s not just for artists; anyone can come.”

Each artist has two minutes to share their work, she said. Those who attend run the gamut from emerging and career artists to famous artists.

“When I became a professional artist, all the gallery owners told me to join that group,” she said. “It’s a good way to meet artists, find open art calls, show my work. There’s no fee. You just go. It’s democratic and very pro-artist.”

Another change for Menth is her workspace.

See ART, page 4B

JLD’s 313 Reserve is March 13
Robert Porcher serves as honorary chair

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Since it’s first project in 1915 — creating a decent lunchroom for working women on Woodward, between John R and Grand Circus Park — the Junior League of Detroit has never faltered from its mission: advancing women’s leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration and training.

“The Junior League has been involved in many fundraising activities over the years,” President Sandra Davis said, noting another early project she instantly admired: the

opening of the Junior League Training Cottage for Blind Children, which opened in Detroit, in 1937.

“One year, maybe in the ’30s, the league was involved in a project with Braille,” Davis said. “We worked with Helen Keller and every member of the JLD had to learn Braille. This organization has always been very serious in how it has reached out and touched the community. People don’t realize the impact we’ve had, how much we’ve done.”

The event

After its longtime signature Designer Show House project was dis-

continued in 2024, the league set about creating something new that would raise funds for the causes to which it is devoted.

“Last year we explored the concept of 313, to celebrate Detroit and have a little fun,” Davis said. “We decided to revisit that event again and jazz it up a bit.”

Its new signature event, 313 Reserve, takes place 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, at The Roostertail. Designed as a celebration of Detroit style, community and philanthropy, 313 Reserve will feature curated bourbon, wine and cigar tastings, as well

as entertainment and Detroit-inspired hospitality, including special guest appearances from Detroit Lions legend Robert Porcher, who will join guests during a VIP afterglow at Flyleaf, 92 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

“Robert Porcher is bringing some of his fellow athlete buddies, so we’re excited to be comingling with some athletes from our fabulous Detroit Lions,” said Sherry McRill, a 25-year member and past president.

“It should be a wonderful affair,” she added. “We want people to come and have fun. We try to

make things fun for all age groups, because we recognize the Junior League has a following of folks from all different ages and walks of life.”

General admission tickets to 313 Reserve are \$75, and include the tastings and entertainment. VIP tickets are \$100 and include the afterglow from 10 to 11:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased online at detroit.jl.org or by scanning the QR code on page 3B.

“Tickets are selling fast,” Davis said. “It’s going to be fun. And if you can’t make it, go to detroit.jl.org and donate.”

The cause

Since 1915, funds raised by the JLD have been used to support multiple community partnerships, assistance grants and scholarships for young women.

Among the projects currently on the JLD’s radar is Brilliant Detroit, which also recently sparked Porcher’s interest.

“He has taken a genuine interest not just in the Junior League of Detroit or 313, but also in Brilliant Detroit,” Davis said.

Porcher recently toured Brilliant Detroit’s Morningside Hub, located at Balfour and Warren, so he could see why the work there matters to the JLD, as well as to the families it serves.

“(Porcher) is engaged enough to come and look at the project,” McRill said. “And he said he’d like to carry on to support the project after this event.”

Brilliant Detroit’s community hubs often are repurposed vacant

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OBITUARIES

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Charles Henry Nicholl

Charles Henry Nicholl, 79, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away peacefully Sunday, Feb. 15, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born Nov. 3, 1946, in Detroit, to Samuel Robert and Patricia Jane (nee Crawford) Nicholl, Charlie grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods alongside his younger brother, Arthur. From an early age, he carried himself with quiet strength, steady determination and a deep sense of responsibility — qualities that defined both his career and his family life.

A graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, Charlie earned degrees in chemical engineering and metallurgy from Case Western Reserve University. He dedicated 44 years to Modern Hard Chrome, the family business, becoming its third-generation president in 1988. Through shifting markets and turbulent economic times, he led with resilience and integrity, managing to keep the company strong when others faltered. To Charlie, work was more than a profession. It was a commitment to employees, customers and the generations who came before and after him. He built not just a successful company, but a legacy of respect.

In 1967, Charlie married Patricia Johnson. Together they welcomed Kimberly Ann and Samuel Robert “Rob,” and their young family made homes in Ohio, Wisconsin and California before eventually returning to Michigan. In 1985, Charlie married Christine Dosmas and together they built a life in Grosse Pointe Farms, welcoming Laura Christine-Charlotte and Jonathan Crawford-Colter. Christine was the love of his life and her passing left a space in his heart that was never filled.

Above all, Charlie was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and father-in-law. He welcomed Chris Kusch into the family in 1993, and Sara Jane Bunn in 2011. Nothing brought him greater pride than watching his children and grandchildren grow. He cheered faithfully from the sidelines at games and performances, always ready afterward with encouragement, analysis and never-ending wisdom. His grandchildren — Abby Kusch, CJ Kusch, Delilah Nicholl and Ryder Wakayama — were the light of his later years and were at his side when he passed.

Charlie had a deep appreciation for tradition, camaraderie and community. He proudly served as both board member and president of the Detroit Athletic Club, where he formed lasting friendships and shared countless stories. He rarely missed his weekly bowling league and treasured time spent

at his homes in Florida and on Crooked Lake, where golf rounds, boat rides and quiet sunsets brought him peace.

A celebration of Charlie’s life will be held Saturday, May 30, at the Detroit Athletic Club. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation, gplf.org/ support.

Charlie will be deeply missed and forever remembered, through stories retold at family gatherings, laughter echoing across a bowling lane, the steady leadership of a company he loved and in the hearts of all who had the privilege to know him.

Carole Ann Dolan

Carole Ann Dolan, 84, passed away peacefully Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

She was born April 30, 1941, in Fort Madison, Iowa, to Leo and Albertine Winke. Carole grew up in the small town of Fort Madison, which sits on the banks of the Mississippi River, with five siblings, Fred, Mary, James, Linda and Rebecca. She graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School and studied at the University of Illinois where she not only received a Bachelor of Arts degree, but also met the love of her life and husband of more than 61 years, John. Later, Carole returned to the University of Illinois and obtained a master’s degree in music.

An accomplished and avid musician, Carole pursued a career teaching piano as she raised her three children, James (Dawn), John (Lory) and Sarah (Glen Richardson), initially in Peoria, Ill., and later in Grosse Pointe, where she and John resided for 51 years. Carole’s devotion to music was second only to her love and devotion to her family, which includes 10 grandchildren, Patrick, Allison, Shane, Tristan, Jack, Meghan, Courtney, Ryan, Brendan and Michael, and three great-grandchildren, Johannes, Elizabeth and Isabel.

Anyone who crossed the threshold at 502 Lincoln experienced her joy, her smile and a fantastic meal. Carole’s culinary skills were legendary. From cinnamon rolls to chicken curry, Carole experimented with just about every cuisine, typically with great success but always with a smile and the warmth of an Iowa farm girl. Once in a while, Carole would share recipes — some handed down from her mother, Albertine — with her children and grandchildren, many of whom have followed in her culinary footsteps and will forever remember her baked goods.

After raising her three children, Carole devoted time to St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, working as a sponsor with the Order of

Christian Initiation of Adults and singing in the church choir for many years. A devoted wife, mother, sister and friend, Carole touched the lives of many, always with kindness and usually without fanfare. Carole simply made the lives of those who knew her better.

Services were held at Chas. Verheyden Inc., Grosse Pointe Park. A funeral Mass was held at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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William Francis Dietz

William Francis Dietz, 87, passed away Saturday, Feb. 14, 2026, after a brief illness. He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather.

Bill was born Aug. 26, 1938, in Detroit, to Lester and Annamae Dietz, both now deceased. He was the youngest of four children. Bill graduated with the first class of the newly opened Austin Catholic High School in Detroit, then attended the University of Detroit and graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

On his way to sail in the Bayview Mackinac Race, as commodore of the University of Detroit Sail Club in summer 1960, he met Mary Elizabeth O’Hara. As fate would have it, he did not sail in that race. They were married Jan. 27, 1962, and enjoyed 64 years of marriage. Together, they raised five accomplished children, Kathleen Tyrrell (Dan), William Dietz (Jeff Levy), Dr. James Dietz (Jane), Kevin Dietz and the late Dr. Mary Beth Dietz. Five loving grandchildren — Patrick Dietz, Caitlin Tyrrell, Kevin Dietz, Anna Dietz and Lily Dietz — added to the joy in Bill’s life.

Throughout his life, Bill enjoyed the challenges of leadership, first as commodore of the University of Detroit Sail Club, then as president of the Madison Heights Jaycees, president of the Northeast Manufacturers Association and a decade as president of the Huronia Heights Homeowners Association in Worth Township.

After graduating from college, Bill was employed in management with Montgomery Ward retail stores but eventually joined the family business, Dietz Printing Co. Bill was the third-generation owner of Dietz Printing Co., originally founded by his grandfather, and became the final owner when printing became available to all with the advent of computers. His final employment as an accordion repair expert brought great joy to his life; he was surrounded by music as his colleague tuned accordions at Castiglione



Charles Henry Nicholl

Accordion Co.

Bill was a man of many collections, including stamps, books, newspapers, hats and vintage printing presses and tools. His hat of the day fit either the occasion or sent a message about his opinion.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at Nativity of Our Lord Church, 5900 McClellan, Detroit. A gathering will be held after Mass in the lower level of the church. Bill will be interred at a later date in Mount Hope Catholic Cemetery in Port Huron.

Memorial donations may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207, cskdetroit.org/en/donate/; or the pantry at Nativity of Our Lord Church, 5900 McClellan, Detroit, MI 48213, nativitydetroit.org/support-nativity.html.

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George R. Malbouef

George R. Malbouef, 79, passed away peacefully Thursday, March 5, 2026. He was a beloved educator, entrepreneur and author and a devoted family man.

George was born Nov. 27, 1946, in Detroit, to Joseph and Suzanne Malbouef, both now deceased.

He married the love of his life, Ruth (nee Jagger), with whom he shared 57 years of marriage. Together, they built a family that was his greatest pride and joy. George is survived by his daughter, Monica Mourad (Christopher); son, Todd (Emily); cherished grandchildren, CJ, Claire, Michael, Mae and Sophie; sisters, Jeanne, Fran, Josetta, Rose and Mary; and brother, Tom. He also is survived by countless nieces and nephews and many dear friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Suzanne Malbouef; sisters, Judy El-Fakir and Elaine Blender; and brother, Joseph Malbouef.

Some of George’s happiest moments were spent gathered around the family pool, grilling with a glass of wine in hand, telling jokes, sharing stories and making memories with those he loved most.

George studied education at Wayne State University and spent more than three decades shaping young minds in the classroom. His dedication, wit and passion for teaching inspired countless students throughout his career.

In addition to his work in education, George successfully owned and operated two businesses. Later in life, he fulfilled a lifelong dream of writing a children’s book.



Carole Ann Dolan



George R. Malbouef

An avid reader who rarely went anywhere without a book within arm’s reach, George also served his community as a volunteer with Meals on Wheels. He had a deep love for the French language and enjoyed speaking it whenever the opportunity arose.

George had an unmatched sense of humor and a remarkable ability to bring laughter to any room he entered. His kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity touched the lives of all who knew him.

George’s legacy is one of joy, education and love. He will be deeply missed and his spirit will live on in the hearts of his family, friends, students and all whose lives he touched.

Visitation was held at Chas. Verheyden Inc., Grosse Pointe Park. A funeral Mass was held at St. Clare of Montefalco Parish, Grosse Pointe Park.

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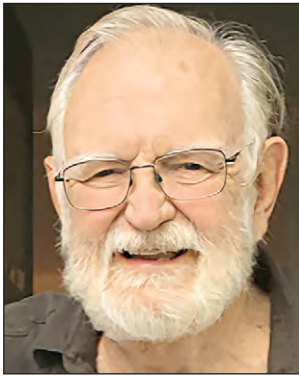
Martha J. Day

Martha J. (nee Madarasz) Day, 74, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026, surrounded by her children. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Martha was born Jan. 24, 1951, in Grosse Pointe, to Michael and Barbara Madaraz, both now deceased. She and her sister, Marjorie, grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms, spending summers at Pier Park and enjoying family gatherings with their cousins. After graduating from Grosse Pointe High School, where she sang in the Tower Belles choir, she attended Eastern Michigan University. She also was an active and lifelong member at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Martha had a successful career in radio advertising sales, during which time she met the love of her life, Deano Day. Martha became stepmother to Deano’s four children and had three more children with Deano.

Being a mother brought great joy to Martha’s life. She often said it was her favorite job in the world. As Martha spent many years moving about the country with Deano and their three children, from Michigan to



William Francis Dietz



Martha J. Day

California, to Chicago and back again, their lives were never short on variety or adventure and always full of love.

The household typically teemed with pets, friends and good food, as Martha loved to cook. They eventually found their way back to Grosse Pointe to be near Martha’s aging parents. There, Martha spent years working as the administrative assistant to the Wayne County commissioner. She loved getting calls from constituents and helping the community any way she could. She put her children through college and supported her family selflessly. As an empty nester, she continued in the role of caregiver for Deano prior to his passing in 2009, and then for her mother.

Martha adored being a grandmother. She traveled to Los Angeles, Chicago, Columbus, Ohio, and Cape Cod, Mass., to be there for births and holidays and help with life’s milestones. She loved to read to her grandchildren and they loved their time together with her.

Martha was an artist, an avid reader, a lover of animals and fan of mysteries. Above all, she delivered her love unconditionally.

She was predeceased by her parents, Michael and Barbara; sister, Marjorie; and husband, Deano.

She will be greatly missed by her friends and family, including her children, Michael and Lauren Day of Columbus, Ohio, Katy Day and Donald MacKenzie of Orleans, Mass., and Rachel and Chris Wilson of Chicago; grandchildren, Maggie, Connor, Eloise, Benny, Alistair and Flora; stepchildren, Michelle and Chip Exner, Mitch Moen, Dean and Lisa Moen and Darcy Cypert; and her extended family.

A celebration of life will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, March 21, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude’s Children Research Hospital, 2000 Town Center, Ste. 1730, Southfield, MI 48075, bit.ly/3XuSSi0.

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Paul Richard “Dick” Gilleran

Paul Richard “Dick” Gilleran, 86, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away peacefully Friday, Feb. 27, 2026, from natural causes.

Born March 23, 1939, in Detroit, Dick was the fifth of seven children. He grew up in a home his father built on Three Mile Drive in Detroit. He attended St. Matthew Catholic School before graduating from Austin High School in 1957, and John Carroll University in Ohio in 1961.

While attending college, Dick met Carole Paler, who was studying at Notre Dame College in Ohio. They were married June 1, 1963. Dick said she was “the best thing that ever happened” to him. Together, they raised three sons. After serving in the U.S. Army from 1962 to 1964, Dick pursued a law degree at the University of Detroit Law School, graduating in 1967. He enjoyed a long and successful career as an estate and bankruptcy attorney with Dean & Fulkerson until his retirement in 2014.

Dick was a devout Catholic and a man of many passions, including gardening, cigars, Detroit sports, sailing and joke telling. He often approached patrons sitting near him at a restaurant or bar to tell jokes — both clean and perhaps not so clean — depending on the audience. As a former president of the Royal Oak Kiwanis chapter and an active member of



Paul Richard Gilleran

St. Lucy Catholic Church and Toastmasters, he exemplified generosity and humor throughout his life.

He will be remembered by his loved ones as a sweet and kind soul who was always thinking of others and what he could do to help them.

Dick is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Carole; sons, Jeff (Natasha), David (Deborah) and Jason (Robyn); and grandchildren, Spencer, Henrik, Elliott and Simone. He was predeceased by his parents, George and Kathleen; siblings, Regina, Helen, Jerry, Jim, Mary and Tom; and brother-in-law, Harry Myson. Dick was the last of these seven Gilleran children to pass. His family finds it fitting that the life of the party and designated joke-teller stayed until the party was over.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the IHM Sisters in Monroe, ihm-sisters.org/supporting-the-mission/giving-opportunities/donate/; or the Mary Fran Gilleran scholarship at Christo Rey High School to honor Dick’s sister, Mary, 5679 W. Vernor, Detroit, MI 48209.



Pierre Alexander Stroh

Pierre Alexander Stroh

Pierre Alexander Stroh, 59, died peacefully in his sleep Thursday, March 5, 2026, at home in Jupiter, Fla., from heart failure.

Pierre was born Nov. 22, 1966, in Detroit, to Peter Wetherill Stroh and Nicole Elizabeth Fauquet-Lemaitre Stroh. He was raised in Grosse Pointe Farms, where he attended University Liggett School before graduating from Brooks School in North Andover, Mass. He attended the University of Colorado Boulder and later graduated from Boston University. He received an MBA from Fordham University.

Pierre began his career in advertising at Hal Riney & Partners in San Francisco before joining The Stroh Brewery Co., continuing the family’s long connection to the business. After the brewery was sold in 1999, he worked for Pro Air, a commercial airline startup based at Detroit City Airport. He later founded a technology venture, Spyder Communications, before transitioning into finance, where he worked as an investment advisor with Merrill Lynch and later UBS.



Gordon Elliott Morlan

Pierre had a deep love of the outdoors and water. He was a passionate fisherman who fly-fished rivers across the Americas and Europe and spent countless days fishing the coastal waters of Florida. He especially loved offshore fishing, playing golf with his sons and friends and, in his younger years, enjoyed sport shooting. Above all, he cherished time spent outdoors with his family.

Pierre was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his three sons, Pierre Alexander “Alex” Stroh Jr., Clark Delano Stroh and Haven Roosevelt Stroh, of whom he was immensely proud and whom he loved beyond measure. He also is survived by his brother, Frederic Stroh (Kelly); nephew, Peter Stroh; and many cousins and lifelong friends.

A memorial gathering in celebration of Pierre’s life will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Jupiter Island Club in Hobe Sound, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Hobe Sound Nature Center, a place that reflects Pierre’s lifelong love of nature and the outdoors, 13640 SE Federal, Hobe Sound, FL 33455, hobe-soundnaturecenter.org/donate.

Gordon Elliott Morlan

Gordon Elliott Morlan, 89, of Grosse Pointe Park, passed away peacefully Monday, March 2, 2026, in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Gordon was born Oct. 12, 1936, in Odessa, Texas, to Clarence and Lona Morlan, both now deceased. He graduated from high school in Fort Worth, Texas. He then earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from Ottawa University in Kansas, a Master of Science degree in education from Western Michigan University and a master’s degree in chemistry from the University of New Hampshire.

Gordon’s extraordinary life was marked by his quiet, unassuming and gentle nature. He became a highly distinguished teacher in the Grosse Pointe Public School System at Grosse Pointe North High School, where he taught AP Chemistry and served as Science Department chairman for 30 years during his 42-year career. He often was invited to grade the National AP Chemistry Test and influenced countless students by inspiring them to pursue careers in science, medicine and engineering. Students were quick to recognize his vanity license plate, which portrayed the ideal gas law: PV=NRT.

Gordon also will be remembered as a mentor, skipper, husband of 65 years, father, grandfather and friend, as well as a first-class punster. He was gifted with a greater sense of generosity and patience that

was rarely equaled. He possessed a genuineness of character, as well as an unwavering quest for truth and fairness. He enlivened every room he entered. Gordon was active at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club and had a passion for Dixieland jazz.

Gordon also was an avid racing sailor. He served as commodore at the Grosse Pointe Sail Club in 2002, and completed 33 Bayview Mackinac Races.

Gordon surely will be missed by all who had the pleasure of meeting him, but his legacy lives on in the people who knew him, sailed with him, learned from and with him and loved him deeply.

Gordon is survived by his wife of 65 years, Judy; sons, Christopher (Michelle) and Andrew (Deanna); and grandchildren, Sarah (Andrew) and Alexander (Vincent). He was predeceased by parents, Clarence and Lona Morlan; brother, Donald (Timothy); and daughters-in-law, Betsie and Meggan.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the Tompkins Community Center at Windmill Pointe Park, 14920 Windmill Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Belle Isle Conservancy, 99 Pleasure, Detroit, MI 48207, belleisleconservancy.org/support; or the Detroit Community Sailing Center, P.O. Box 15065, Detroit, MI 48215, sailingdetroit.org/donate.html#/.

Mozart’s ‘Requiem’ featured during St. Clare’s spring concert

The Warren Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Andrew Neer, presents Mozart’s “Requiem in D Minor,” at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

The concert, part of St. Clare’s celebration of its 100th anniversary,

features the Oakland Choral Society and Macomb Chamber Choir. Soloists include Amber Rogers, Gracie Ryan, Stephen Riesen and Jake Surzyn.

Composed in a race against time during the final weeks of his life, “Requiem” was Mozart’s parting gift to the world — a monumental journey of the human spirit

written from his deathbed. Dramatic, haunting and ultimately sublime, this masterpiece continues to move audiences more than two centuries later.

Tickets are \$20 general admission, free for students. Purchase tickets online at warren-symphonyorchestra.org or stclarem.org/mozart-requiem-spring-concert.

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houses within neighborhoods that are brought back to life to offer programs that stand on the pillars of education, health, family support and community building.

Offerings include literacy support, early childhood vocabulary development, nutrition, physical fitness, mental health support groups, community meals and resources such as diapers, clothing, food and books. Every bit of it is free of charge.

“The majority of our projects have been in Detroit,” McRill said. “One thing I’m very proud of is not only raising funds and uplifting women and children in Detroit, but something that started and remains today, being a training organization for women. Our first project was a women’s lunchroom in Detroit. Ever since then, we’ve been supporting women and children ...

promoting nonprofits by training women to be leaders. They move up to be executives and CEOs and lead nonprofits. That’s something I’m very proud of.”

Davis concurred. “The JLD always reaches across borders,” Davis said. “We have a long history of projects in Detroit and Wayne County. Everywhere you look, the Junior League has touched: the Belle Isle playscape, Children’s Hospital, the Kern Clock. We give scholarships every year and community grants.

“All of this is because we have fabulous members,” she added. “The JLD was founded in Grosse Pointe, but our members reach out where help is needed. They go out and open doors and raise money, which are all reflections not just on Detroit members, but also long-serving Grosse Pointe members. It says a lot about the community and the people who live here and their willing-

ness to serve where needed.”

“It’s a very welcoming organization,” McRill added. “The first year of membership involves rigorous training, learning the history of the league, learning the bylaws, visiting all of our projects, networking. We build a lot of community collaborations with other organizations. It’s a rewarding experience. On signature events, we work closely with other women on committees, which is a great source of long-term, deep friendships. There’s a long-term closeness the league brings as well.”

For more information about the JLD, visit detroit.jl.org.



St. Paul’s 39th auction is March 14

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School hosts its 39th auction, “Anchored in Faith,” at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Though tickets sales have ended, online bidding is open now through 10 p.m. Saturday, March 14.

Silent auction highlights include:

- ◆ Stratford theater trip
- ◆ Charlevoix getaway
- ◆ Ovation Yacht cruises
- ◆ Private scavenger hunt at the Automotive Hall of Fame for up to 25 guests
- ◆ Waterfront Bouvier Bay retreat for up to 14
- ◆ Tween party for five with the founder of Yanni Skincare

A special highlight is a one-night-only event at the Ford House gatehouse, a space typically reserved for Ford family celebrations. Opened exclusively for St. Paul families March

14, the evening includes appetizers and drinks along with a private presentation of Edsel Ford’s latest automotive acquisition.

“Silent auction bidding is open to all and is a great way to support St. Paul if you are unable to attend due to travel, tournaments or other commitments,” said Rachel Jacques, auction coordinator.

“The funds raised through our auction support books, extracurriculars, art supplies, electives, field trips, enrichment opportunities, playground supplies, staff development, service projects and community- and team-building programs,” she added. “These funds allow us to provide the rich, well-rounded Catholic education our students enjoy while still keeping tuition within reach for families who choose to make the financial sacrifice to send their child to St. Paul.”



Browse auction items and bid online at spstpg2026.ggo.bid/bidding/package-browse or by scanning this QR code.



Gatehouse party tickets may be purchased at stpaulonthelake.ejoinme.org/auction2026 or by scanning this QR code.

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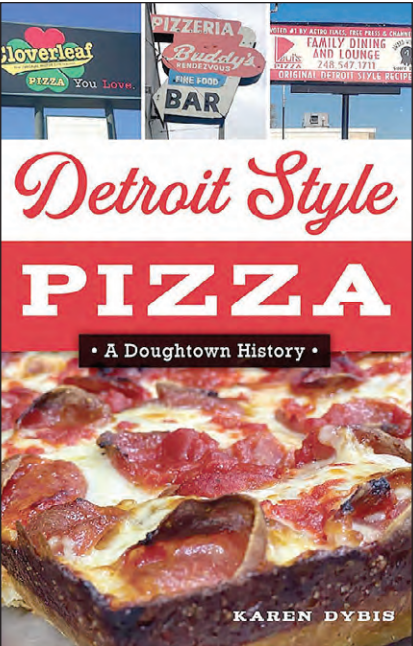
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Historical Society’s Bicknell lecture series continues March 18

The Dr. Frank Bicknell Lecture Series, presented by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, is underway, offering lectures on a range of topics and interests. The next lecture, “Detroit Style Pizza: A Doughtown History,” takes place Wednesday, March 18, at the Grosse Pointe History Center, 375 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Author Karen Dybis will present.

With its airy crust, cheesy corners and distinctive red sauce on top, Detroit-style pizza is enjoyed worldwide. From this pizza’s humble origins, starting with Gus Guerra putting the first square pie in Buddy’s oven, to the International Pizza Expo in Las Vegas where a “pizza evangelist” spread the word about the Detroit style, attendees will learn how this Motor City delicacy transformed from a singular kitchen in Detroit to an international sensation.

This presentation, and the book on which it is based, also will take attendees into the kitchens that developed,



fought over and sought to perfect this delectable dish, which put Detroit up there with New York and Chicago when it comes to pizza.

Dybis, who was a Bicknell lecturer in November 2021 with a program related to her book, “Better Made in Michigan: The Salty Story of Detroit’s Best Chip,” has been a Grosse Pointe resident since 2002.

She is a graduate of the University of Michigan, has blogged as the Assignment Detroit writer for Time Magazine, worked for the Daily Telegram in Adrian, the Oakland

Press and Detroit News. She also covered breaking stories for Corp! magazine, “Detroit Unspun” and the Agence France-Presse newswire. Her freelance clients include Time magazine, U.S. News and World Report, The Hollywood Reporter, TBD and other publications.

In addition to “Detroit Style Pizza” and “Better Made in Detroit,” Dybis has authored three other local history books: “The Ford-Wyoming Drive-In,” “The Witch of Delray” and “Secret Detroit.” She also was a 2018 Knight Arts Challenge grant recipient, while creating an archive of Detroit’s Delray neighborhood.

Admission to Bicknell lectures is free, but advanced registration is requested as seating is limited.

The Bicknell series continues with the following schedule:

◆ April 15 — “The Detroit and Cleveland Navigation Company”

◆ May 20 — at the Ford House Visitors Center, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores — “Corrado Parducci: Grosse Pointe’s own Architectural Sculptor”

Register for the lectures online at gphistorical.org/bicknell-lecture.html.

For more information, call (313) 884-7010.

Youth Nautical Education Foundation welcomes two new board members

The Youth Nautical Education Foundation (YNEF) has appointed two new directors to its board as it works to ensure the long-term viability of the foundation.

Dr. Michele Ramsdell is a physician at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital. Four of her children participated in all levels of junior sailing through the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and she is an accomplished sailor.

Bora Gulari is a sailing professional who has participated in the Olympics and twice was a World Moth Class



D. Michele Ramsdell



Bora Gulari

Champion. He currently is a member of Bayview Yacht Club and the Bayview Board of Governors. His son currently is engaged in junior sailing programs. The mission of the

YNEF is to promote youth nautical education throughout the community. The foundation will award 13 \$2,000 scholarships in May.

Find details online at ynef.org.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts a Rotary fellowship event at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at Telly’s Place, 20791 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 20, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, Grosse

Pointe Woods. Register at redcrossblood.org.

The Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods offers free programs and resources that help build happier, healthier families. The following programs take place at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, unless otherwise noted. Learn more at familycenterhelps.org or RSVP to maryjo@familycenterhelps.org.

◆ Brave Conversation: Sex, Drugs & Social Media, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19. This free workshop features keynote speaker

Jake Ernst, as well as local therapists Agnes Ward and Sarah Watson.

◆ Grief Support Group, noon to 1 p.m. April 14, at the Harper Woods Library, 19601 Harper; and Feb. 24, March 31 and April 28, at the Ewald Library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Art Fair

The Grosse Pointe Fine Art Fair — featuring fine jewelry, paintings, ceramics, glass art, woodworking, fiber art, sculpture and more — takes place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 13 to 17, free for ages 12 and younger. Visit grossepointefair.com for details.

CHURCH EVENT

St. Michael’s

The next Lunch, Laugh and Learn at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods takes place Thursday, March 19. Guests will meet Arcos, the newly hired public safety dog for Grosse Pointe Woods, and his handler, Officer Duncan Gill, who will discuss K-9s, how they are selected for service and their special policing skills. Lunch is at noon, followed by the program at 1 p.m. Reservations are required by Tuesday, March 17. Call (313) 884-4820.

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Since July 2025, she has worked out of Studio 1 at the Scarab Club.

“Once I moved in, I quickly carved out space for my mother, Monica Quinn, who is a watercolor artist,” she said. “A few months later, I invited Inez Brown, a well-known charcoal artist.

“We have an open studio Thursday through Sunday,” she added. “We invite people to come look and visit. I love collaborating with people, meeting with people. I love eyes on my work. I want to be taken seriously as an artist. I



Artist Tzu Poré and Jason Menth reviewing Poré’s artwork. Poré was the featured artist in the Menth’s home in February.

want gallery representation. I would love to be a big part of art fairs around the country.”

Menth said she is looking forward to curating her first show in October and having a solo show at Wayne County Community College District next year.

“I’ve been working very hard,” she said. “Now is my time. Every moment is intentional. ... I’m an artist, a curator, an enthusiast and a collector. It all started at the right place and the right time.

“This show is a big portfolio view of what I can do.”

“Where Art Lives” also features the work of Atlanta watercolorist Robert Trammell.

An opening reception takes place 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 14. Menth will give an artist talk 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21.

Registration for the free reception may be found online at tinyurl.com/2sdlk46z3

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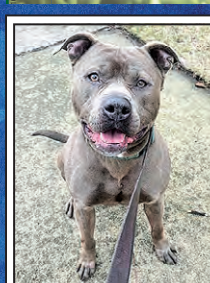
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Being brave

Speakers to teach parents to have tough conversations with kids

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Megan Gunnell remembers hemming and hawing about whether or not she should attend a speaker night at her children’s school when they were younger. She ended up going and was wowed by the presenter, whose words made an impact she still remembers.

“It was a life-changing night for me as a parent,” Gunnell said. “I feel the same way about this event for the people in our community.”

The event is “Brave Conversations: Sex, Drugs & Social Media,” presented by The Family Center Thursday, March 19, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The experts are psychotherapist Jake

Ernst, psychologist Dr. Agnes Ward and Sarah Watson, a licensed professional counselor.

“We are so looking forward to this free community event,” said Gunnell, a psychotherapist and board member of The Family Center. “These three incredible experts are trained clinical therapists with three different

specialties. They will help parents have the hardest conversations they need to have, but maybe are avoiding. Those conversations are about sex, drugs and social media. These three experts are going to give parents the exact language to use and the information they need to have the bravest, most courageous, meaningful conversations they need to have with their kids.

“Teens and kids are going to get this information one way or another,” she added. “We want to make sure parents are the guides to these conversations.”

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Psychotherapist, The Family Center board member

Ernst is a child and family therapist based in Toronto, who speaks internationally, has a massive Instagram and podcast following and is in the midst of a major book deal.

“He has devoted the bulk of his research and career to studying the impact of screen time and phone use and social

media on kids,” Gunnell said. “He has said that a lot of kids actually wish they didn’t have the life they have today with regard to social media and phone use.

“... He is wonderful, kind and gracious,” she added. “He speaks to a lot of schools and parents and teachers. I feel like he’s the utmost expert in this field to give our local

community this information.”

Watson, a well-known sex therapist in the region, also has a popular podcast and a practice with a wait list, Gunnell said.

“She has an easy way of making a tough topic super acceptable,” she added. “She can normalize, neutralize and calm down a room. She’ll tell us

what to say, what not to say — what kids want you to be talking about.”

Ward specializes in substance use disorder and substance abuse and how it impacts children, teens and families.

“She’ll talk about what she’s noticing among trends, teen use, what to look for,” Gunnell said. “This is a tough conversation and one parents tend to ignore unless they think there’s a problem. We need to get ahead of it. We need to have that brave conversation and bring it to light.”

The evening opens with a cocktail reception from 6:30 to 7 p.m. that includes hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar. Ernst will give his keynote address at 7 p.m., followed by Watson, then Wade.

“There may be time for

a short Q&A after,” Gunnell noted.

The Family Center, which provides free resources for families in all stages of life, hosts programs such as this as a means of education and prevention.

“We’d rather your kids get information from a reliable source than on TikTok or from a friend of a friend,” said MaryJo Harris, director of programs and administration. “... There are some parenting books and maybe some webinars, but to have these top three experts in one room, giving this incredible, important information — you need to take the time to do it.”

Gunnell agreed. “Kids should get their information from you (parents),” she said. “Would you rather be a gatekeeper or a guide? I’d

rather be a guide. I still have kids (in their 20s) from my household asking for my guidance because I was willing to have these brave conversations with my family.

“I encourage every parent to come,” she added. “This is going to be a game-changing, life-changing turning point for parents.”

Gunnell said parents of children of any age will benefit from attending the event.

“It’s never too early to think about having these brave conversations,” she added. “... I would encourage every family, if they’re thinking about coming, to come. We have shut down family dialogue and this is a way of opening it up.”

To register for the free event, email register@familycenterhelps.org or call (313) 447-1374.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Kaitlin Arnold, LPC

Taking a backseat helps move teens forward

Q: My teen constantly complains that I micromanage them when it comes to school and homework. They say, “I’ve got it,” but I’m worried if I don’t stay on top of them, they’ll be late or forget something important. How can I feel reassured without having the constant back-and-forth?

A: This is a very common issue between teenagers and their parents. Some teens benefit from an active approach from their parents. However, taking more of a backseat can be helpful for two reasons.

First, a lot of teenagers really do “have it.” They are motivated to meet due dates and get good grades and they take pride in staying organized and being self-sufficient. They feel frustrated and even angry with what seems to them like constant questions about whether they have studied enough for a test or completed their homework. They question whether their parents think they are capable.

Parents can show they care — and help them be independent — by asking their teen what sort of involvement would be helpful. It might be occasional check-ins or encouraging them to ask for support when they need it. Follow your teenager’s lead and discuss modifications if it becomes clear there are problems.

Second, important life lessons come from natural consequences. If your teen crams for a test and receives a poor grade, they experience the direct consequence of procrastination. If they turn in a project late and get only partial credit, it is a lesson in planning and responsibility. If they are late to school

or class too often, they face detention and have to rethink how they manage their time. None of these failures cause severe harm and the consequences teach lessons and create opportunities to learn new habits.

No parent wants their child to fail. Having open communication and being available to sit down with your teen and revisit the level of monitoring and support they asked for and you agreed to are the keys to helping them grow emotionally and take responsibility. And, remember to take opportunities to recognize progress and good results. The goal is to foster independence. Remember, you will not be going to their first job or college with them!

Kaitlin Arnold, LPC, is the founder and therapist at Finding Your Balance Therapy. She helps individuals and families dealing with depression, anxiety, other mental health issues and stressors from life challenges to develop positive coping skills, navigate and gain confidence in dealing with stressful situations and improve their relationships.

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Surviving spring sports insanity

Dear Gabby: Spring sports have started and somehow every practice, scrimmage and game requires a ride at exactly 4:00 p.m. I work. My husband works. Half the team lives five minutes away; the other half appears to live in another time zone. We are constantly scrambling for drivers. I feel like I run a transportation company without the revenue. How do other families manage this without losing their sanity? — Maxed out in the Farms

Dear Maxed: Try this:

1. Create a season car-pool grid. Not a casual text thread — a real

schedule. Pick your family’s favorite two or three families who live somewhat close, build the framework and let everyone fill in dates. You can even create a signuppenius.com link or a Google Doc and send it out to each family as a living document.

2. Empower older siblings or neighbors. If someone in the neighborhood has a newly minted license, this is their moment to shine (and earn gas money). If you and a few families can split the cost, this is a no-brainer.

3. Set a “no guilt” policy. You do not need to

attend every practice or game. Your child will still love you. Probably.

If all else fails, only sign up for things your children can ride a bike to. We are lucky enough to live in a safe and amazing community with more activities and sports than you can imagine. Check out the parks, Neighborhood Club, etc.

— Gabby

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Sending St. Patrick’s Day blessings

DEAR READERS: Wishing you all a very Happy St. Patrick’s Day! This day has a funny way of sneaking past the noise and landing somewhere tender. Yes, there are parades and pints and an impressive amount of green, but underneath all that is something quieter: a tradition of wishing one another well.

That might sound small, but it isn’t. A good wish, offered sincerely, is one of the simplest forms of care. It says, “I see you,” with-

out asking for a long explanation. And in a world where so many people are carrying private worries, that kind of gentleness matters.

Irish blessings have endured for a reason. They’re not ornate. They’re steady. They acknowledge the elements -- wind, sun, rain, road -- and remind us that we’re meant to be accompanied through it all.

So today, instead of saying more, I’ll share one of the most beloved Irish blessings and invite you to pass it along to

someone who could use it -- a friend, a neighbor, a teenager heading out the door, a loved one facing a medical test, or even yourself:

“May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face.

The rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.”

If your year has been

light, may this deepen your gratitude. If it’s been heavy, may this feel like a hand on your shoulder and a reminder that you won’t be walking forever in the same weather.

And here’s the part we sometimes forget: You don’t have to wait for a holiday to bless someone. You can do it in the everyday ways that rarely make headlines. Send the text that says, “Thinking of you.” Make the extra cup of coffee and bring it to your partner. Wave first. Tip a little more. Let someone



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

merge. Call your friend back, even if you’re tired. These tiny mercies add up. They’re how we stitch community back together when life frays it at the edges.

St. Patrick’s Day also invites a gentle reset. What if you let go of one small grudge today? What if you forgave yourself for the thing you keep replaying? What if you decided that “good

enough” is actually good? The road rises, after all, one step at a time.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day, dear readers. May you feel held, lucky and loved, and may you remember that sometimes the most powerful thing we can give each other is a simple blessing that says, “I’m rooting for you.”

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More than three decades of the best diners

What makes a diner a diner? Is it the casual atmosphere? Being treated like family? The greasy but fresh meals? The homemade feeling all around?

I think the answer is all of the above and then some. Our community has been blessed for more than three decades to have some of metro Detroit’s best diners, all owned by the same person, Meghan Josefosky, aka “The Diner Queen.”

Meghan has managed to successfully own, operate and serve our community with three different locations since 1992. Mack Avenue Diner was her first baby that opened in 1992. As my family were regulars at the small counter, this was my introduction to Grosse Pointe’s famous chicken fajita salad. Years later, the diner turned in to her namesake, Meghan’s.

“Those years were fun,” she said.

Lucky me, I found myself still enjoying Meghan’s menu at this phase of adulthood, as they catered daily lunches at my office for years.

Finally, in 2010, Meghan and her cousin Sheila, who has been on this ride with her for years, purchased the longtime Grosse Pointe favorite, Clairepoint

Restaurant, 630 St. Clair, in the heart of The Village. With the front entrance facing the side street, the name of their new location was fitting. SideStreet Diner was now open for business.

Both ladies have extensive years of experience in the restaurant industry as both were raised in their parents’ restaurants and bars.

“Sheila’s father was an original owner of the Old Shillelagh and The Emerald Isle Irish Pub,” Meghan said. “My parents owned and operated Jim Allen’s Back Room and Coffee House on Plum Street in Detroit.”

Seeing as this location historically had been multiple restaurants, with Clairepoint being there more than 30 years itself, I asked about building renovations.

“We immediately started renovations to transform into the vision of the diner that we have now,” Meghan said. “Our dining room seats 65 people and our patio seats 35.”

With the addition of the patio also came the addition of beer and wine. Upon acquiring this location, the ladies wanted to make the restaurant transition as easy as possible for regular patrons and new ones to come.

“We ran two separate menus to accommodate a smooth transition from the Clairpoint menu to our SideStreet menu,” Meghan said, explaining that the dinner menu is heavy on from-scratch cooking. “We pride ourselves on our original family recipes that include our meatloaf, the soups, salad dressings and more. We have been perfecting that menu locally

for over 30 years.”

That menu currently is one of the biggest diner-style menus in the area. Breakfast is served all day and there’s not much in this category you won’t find, from hand-helds to 10 different omelettes, five kinds of eggs Benedict, pancakes aplenty, French toast — it’s all there.



Breakfast favorites.

SideStreet also roasts its own turkeys, bakes its own hams, serves six homemade soups a day, has insane salad, wrap and grilled sandwich lists, as well as a selection of club sandwiches. It also offers a build-your-own half-pound burger Meghan tells me is quite popular.

They source their burgers locally and daily, from Grosse Pointe’s own Alexander and Polen butcher shop.

Other favorites are the chicken fajita salad with a dangerously good homemade tomato vinaigrette dressing, the Maurice salad, chicken chipotle wrap and Celtic club. Speaking of Celtic, not many places do something like this. With the arrival of March comes all things Celtic.

“We celebrate our Irish heritage twice a year,” Meghan said. First, is the entire month of March and second, is the week of Sept. 17 — halfway to St. Patrick’s

Day. “We run an additional menu of our family recipes like shepherd’s pie, Scottish meat pies, colcannon, Irish sausage, Irish grilled cheese and a selection of soups that include beer cheese, potato leak, roasted root vegetable and others.”



Diner favorites: chicken fajita salad, club sandwich, Shepherd’s Pie, Maurice salad.

Their Irish heritage is important to both Meghan, Sheila and Sheila’s twin sister, Siobhan, who also is part of the SideStreet crew.

“Our families have been rooted in the Irish community for decades,” Meghan said. “Both of our parents grew up in Corktown and both Sheila and I are old Irish step dancers.”

Sheila and Siobhan’s father also was well-known and much-beloved Irish entertainer, Charlie Taylor, who was deeply entrenched in the Irish community that they continue to support today.

And did you honestly think I wasn’t going to mention the SideStreet Diner cakes? Meghan may be the queen of diners, but Sheila is the queen of cakes. Having a bakery crew that works through the night to keep up with the fresh demand explains why their desserts and baked goods have become quite popular over the years.



Food Gossip

by Nina Taormina

“Miss Emily, Annie and Jacob ensure our bakery case is always filled,” Meghan said.

Sheila started the cake business from her own kitchen years ago and has built multigenerational clientele who enjoy her specialty cakes for celebrations like birthdays, anniversaries, showers and graduations. They serve five cake selections per day and I’m told that cake by the slice is definitely still a crowd favorite. I vividly recall my mom always having to get a slice of German chocolate cake while sitting at the counter at the original diner.



SideStreet’s famous cakes and desserts.

Their baked goods in general just hit different and what ’90s kid doesn’t love a homemade Rice Krispie Treat or Ding-Dong wrapped in tin foil?

SideStreet Diner does offer catering and works with any budget or style of menu. I know it’s only spring, but grad season will be here before you know it. Just saying!

SideStreet is a well-oiled

machine mostly because of its dedicated employees. Most recently, as many in the community know, after 29 years of being a team member, waitress Stacey announced she was moving on to her next chapter. Meghan hired Stacey when she was just a 14-year-old girl, at the original Mack Avenue Diner. If that is not dedication to your boss and your job, I don’t know what is. It just goes to show how well Meghan and her team treat their employees. The community wishes Stacey well!

“We started in this community on April 13, 1992, with the opening of Mack Avenue Diner,” Meghan said. “Here we are all these years later, cousins who partnered up to be part of this fantastic community. We truly love what we do and who we do it for.”

This community loves you cousins and your “Finer Diner” crew too! Follow along for daily specials on Facebook: Sidedstreet Diner.

*Fun Fact: When Meghan and Sheila bought Clairepoint, they were determined to keep as many employees as possible. To this day, three still remain: Sandy, Nicole and Kira. “We have multiple team members that have been with us for many years, so I guess that makes us family,” Meghan said. It sure does!

Stay tuned. Stay hungry.



COURTESY PHOTOS. SideStreet Diner.

We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



As if by fate in one single day, I heard about the latest craze of “vibration plates” and later walked into a friend’s house to immediately find one. Upon investigation — and ultimately testing it out with a glass of Sauvignon Blanc in hand (I do not recommend doing this) — I was obsessed and had to have one for myself.



While shaking like a leaf at my friend’s place, I ordered one from Amazon that was on sale for \$99. By the time I woke up the next day (with a headache), my new “AXV Vibration Plate Fitness Platform Exercise Machine Vibrating Shaking Full Body Shaker Workout Vibrate Stand Shake Board Sport Gym for Weight Loss

Fat Burner for Women Men” had arrived and was sitting on my front porch.

Everyone in the family was ready to tear into it and check it out. With the flick of a switch and a few buttons pushed, we were on our way to shaking ourselves skinny.

According to the instructions, you just stand on it for 10 minutes and your ideal body will be built in a few weeks. The idea is that the full-body vibration stimulates your muscles, which causes extra muscle contraction and increased activation — ultimately burning calories and fat.

The machine I bought actually claims “it can help your body process fat many times faster than running.” Although it sounds nice, I was skeptical.

When you first try out the board, I recommend a low-shake setting. It is jarring to go to the top on the first go-around. Gently work your way up when you are used to the levels. I was at about three-quarters max shaking by day two.

It is a weird sensation and at times I wondered if I was scrambling my brain. I also for some rea-

son get itchy on my sides every time I get on the machine. I like to think it’s my fat burning up and leaving my body. Because of this hope, I continue to use the machine almost every day. It’s easy to listen to music or watch TV while doing.

Ultimately this is a very easy way of adding to your routine and supposedly there are health benefits (according to the internet):

- Muscle Strengthening and Toning: The rapid vibrations force muscles to contract and relax, building strength in the legs, hips and core without heavy lifting.

- Improved Circulation and Lymphatic Drainage: Increased blood flow boosts oxygen and nutrient delivery while assisting in reducing swelling and removing waste products.

- Increased Bone Density: Studies suggest consistent, low-intensity vibration can support bone health, particularly in postmenopausal individuals.

- Enhanced Balance and Flexibility: The instability challenges the body, improving stability, coordination and flexibility by loosening muscles.

- Weight Management and Recovery: While not a replacement for traditional exercise, it can boost metabolism and reduce muscle soreness after workouts.

I have to say, that after several weeks of using the vibration board I cannot report any amazing results. I have lost a few pounds, but that I have to attribute to getting back to the gym and avoiding late-night ice cream. I will continue to use the vibration plate (I hope),

but fear it will go the way of all of the other sports and fitness machines — first to the basement and ultimately to the next garage sale.

I am giving the vibration plate 3.5 alligators. The product works as it should and seems pretty sturdy, but I would not say you’ll find yourself in a teeny bikini by spring break if this is your only plan for weight loss and toning.

Find it on Amazon at amzn.to/4rBB6Yf.

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Blanket dumpling: a shortcut that still delivers

Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table

Blanket dumplings are one of the latest recipes to go viral and I can see why. The technique eliminates the painstaking and time-consuming process of filling and pinching each dumpling individually.

Instead, the meat mixture is scooped into small balls, placed directly into a skillet and covered with wonton wrappers that are draped over the top like a blanket. The result is a surprisingly hands-off approach that still delivers the familiar flavors and silky texture of the wrapper paired with a savory filling.

But the trend raises an interesting question: why are we constantly searching for shortcuts when it comes to foods that are traditionally meant to be slow and deliberate? Dumpling making is almost an art form. Different wrapping techniques even signify which region they come from in China.

It requires patience and care and the process itself is part of what makes the final bite so satisfying, tender, delicate and deeply flavorful. It can be a shared and memorable activity with family. The process is almost the point.

With that being said,

there are a lot of counter points too. Though I love the bag at Trader Joe’s, in this recipe I get to control the ingredients and proportions of meat to wonton wrapper. This is a simple filling flavored with lots of ginger, garlic and chili garlic crisp. (Chili garlic crisp can be found in the Asian aisle of the grocery store). If you don’t have chili garlic crisp, substitute sriracha or sambal.

Since these dumplings aren’t closed or pinched off, you can add a bigger portion of meat mixture. So, I added a heaping tablespoon. The meat then browns in the pan and becomes caramelized. I was able to fit about eight dumplings in the skillet at a time so I worked in batches.

Just remember that you are working with hot oil and water, so watch for spitting oil. I paired them with a simple dipping sauce with a kick.

So are these worth making? They absolutely are. We got almost the same comforting and familiar dumpling experience with about a third of the work. Though forks are definitely required.

Cheers, Mombeau

Blanket Dumplings

- 1 lb ground pork
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tsp fresh ginger, minced
- 2 scallions, minced
- 1 tsp chili garlic crisp
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp toasted sesame oil
- Pinch of salt and pepper
- 20 to 25 wonton wrappers
- 1 scallion, thinly sliced, for garnish

Add all ingredients, except the wonton wrappers to a bowl and mix well until combined. Pour in a tablespoon of vegetable oil and heat until shimmering in a large non-stick skillet with a lid.

Use a tablespoon melon baller or spoon to scoop out about one tablespoon of meat mixture. Add the balls to the pan and let brown for about a minute. Make sure they’re spaced out to make room for the



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wrappers. Lay one wrapper over each ball then add a half cup of water. Cover and steam for 6 to 7 minutes. The wrappers should be translucent and soft.

Remove to a plate and keep warm in the oven

while the other batches cook. Serve with sliced scallion and dipping sauce.

Dipping Sauce

- Vegetable oil
- ½ cup soy sauce

- ¼ cup rice wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp honey
- 1 tbsp chili garlic crisp
- Add ingredients to a small bowl and mix well.

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Euro reds

Historically, the majority of red wines produced around the world have been dry without sweetness, so they can best accompany savory foods.

By contrast, I’d guess that perhaps 75 percent of the white wines being produced today have some residual sugar. White wines are intended either as food accompaniments or as sip-alone aperitifs.

However, in recent

decades, there has been a terrible trend among many “dry” wines to be “softened” — they are being produced with less acidity to appeal to wine newcomers. Completely dry wine is less likely to be found than in the past.

This trend has led to numerous wines, including “dry reds,” to be made with actual sugar, including many expensive wines that were once

intended to age. The new sweeter reds are angering wine purists.

Dry reds that once were made to improve in the bottle usually cannot age well if they are made with sugar. And such low-acid and/or sweet wines, including very expensive bottles, will anger collectors who find out 10 or 20 years later that the wines have not aged well.

This includes pricey California cabernets and zinfandels. Wineries almost always obfuscate the truth. I do not know of a single winery that’s making a low-acid or sweet cabernet or dry red blend that admits the wine is sweet, even if a patron asks before buying.

The other tactic that

has been used includes extremely low acidity or high pH levels, both of

which will compromise a red wine’s aging potential. Such wines do not

pair well with food.

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Left, Peter Dinklage as Steven and Anne Hathaway as Patricia in the 2023 movie “She Came to Me” written and directed by Rebecca Miller.

MOVIE REVIEW
“She Came to Me”
2023 - Rated R
1 hr 42 min
★★★★☆

Whenever my friend Kim recommends a movie to me, 10 times out of 10 he’s spot on. Thanks once again for recommending “She Came to Me”! This one is a real gem and for the life of me, I haven’t a clue why I’ve never heard of this charming film. With a lineup of stars like Peter Dinklage, Anne Hathaway and Marisa Tomei, you’d think it would be better known.

When you set a film in New York, or in this case Brooklyn (close enough), feature a mix of quirky characters, tell an off-beat story with all sorts of interesting plot twists and add some witty repartee, you’d think you’re watching a classic Woody Allen flick. But no. This is from Rebecca Miller who wrote and directed it. She’s best known for “The Private Lives of Pippa Lee” and “Maggie’s Plan.” She also happens to be the daughter of “Death of a Salesman” playwright Arthur Miller and is married to actor Daniel

Day-Lewis — so she certainly has theatre in her blood. Here she’s created an engaging, off-beat rom-com that I’ve been bugging everyone I know to check out.



Movie poster for “She Came to Me.”

Our story unfolds around Steven, played by Peter Dinklage. He’s famous for his role in “Game of Thrones” but he first came to my attention in the wonderful “Station Agent.” It’s one of my favorite movies of all time and I’ve been meaning to do a review of it for ages. Steven is an opera composer who’s suffering from writers block. He’s married to Patricia (Hathaway), who’s a therapist with a



Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

“Life is too short to watch mediocre movies”

heady case of OCD. She’s a total clean freak who’d rather spend her time tidying up her home than do just about anything else in the world. She also fantasizes becoming a nun and living in a convent.

When Steven tells her about his creative impasse, she hands him a leash and tells him to take their dog for a walk and just lose himself in the city. And lose himself he does. While strolling through the neighborhood, he pops into a bar. There he encounters Katrina (Tomei), a tugboat captain who, while based in New Orleans, works the entire Eastern

the house with Patricia’s son Julian (Evan A. Ellison). She’s more than a little distraught that her 16-year-old daughter is dating not just an 18-year-old boy, but her employer’s son. When she’s informed that they’re in fact lovers, she’s absolutely outraged and grounds her. That’s just the start of the problems for the young couple.

Magdalena’s husband Trey (Brian d’Arcy James) is another goofy character in this oddball movie. During the week, he’s a first-rate court reporter, who naturally happens to know quite a bit about all things legal. On weekends, he’s an avid Civil War reenactor. When he catches wind of the affair, an older boy having sex with a minor, his first reaction is to go to the police and have Julian arrested. However, the couple are hopelessly in love and immediately begin looking for alternatives, which includes looking into states that would allow them to be married.



absolutely heavenly. It has an eerie, almost religious quality to it and if it was available on a soundtrack, I’d add it to my collection! It’s just one more element that makes this special film worth watching.

Currently streaming for free on Kanopy (with your library card) and Hulu. Also to rent on Prime Video, Apple TV, YouTube, and Fandango.

Note to parents: While the movie is rated “R” due to language and one tastefully done sex scene, I’d be inclined to rate it “PG-13”. But it’s your call.

My rating system:
★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you’re embarrassed to admit you’ve seen it, but you have to rate



Heading out for a walk.



Meeting at the bar.



A romantic encounter on the tugboat.



Playing the tugboat’s keyboard.

seaboard. It’s no small coincidence that she shares the same name as the devastating hurricane that nearly destroyed NOLA. She’s truly a force to be reckoned with and she confesses to Steven that she has a problem — she’s addicted to romance.

After a couple drinks, they head to her tugboat where, to no one’s surprise, they end up sleeping together. As luck would have it, it’s this spontaneous fling that gets his creative juices flowing again. Steven is inspired to write an opera that’s loosely based on this romantic interlude. And it’s a huge hit with both his fans and critics alike. But things can’t be that simple, which is what makes this movie so much fun.

Patricia has a Polish cleaning woman Magdalena (Joanna Kulig, “Cold War”), who comes in a couple times a week. One day when she arrives for work, she discovers her daughter Tereza (Harlow Jane), at

If this all sounds thoroughly complicated and totally implausible, it is. Sort of. Like I mentioned earlier, it smacks of a Woody Allen movie and while there are numerous plot twists, it’s way easier to follow than I’ve made it out to be. When you have three heavyweight stars like Dinklage, Tomei and Hathaway, you know you’re in for a cinematic treat.

I found just about everything about “She Came to Me” to be endlessly entertaining. Even the score by “The National’s” Bryce Dessner is captivating. While the music to Steven’s Katrina-inspired opera is your typical modernist singspeaking, the opera near the end of the film is

it nonetheless.
★★ So-so. Not a total waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.
★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren’t any other movies in your queue, you might watch it again.
★★★★ One you’d recommend to friends.
★★★★★ So good you’d actually buy it!

If you have any movie suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com. Also, if you’re looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com.



In the pilothouse.

ANNIE

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DEAR ANNIE: I’ve lived in my home for eight years, and it’s always felt like a peaceful place to land. My husband and I have put a lot of care into it, not because we’re perfect but because we enjoy sitting outside and making our yard feel welcoming. We planted a few shrubs, we keep the grass trimmed, and I love tending to my small flower bed in the spring.

A few months ago, new neighbors moved in next door, and their yard has become a constant source of stress for me.

I’m not talking about “a busy season” or “they missed a weekend.” Their yard is completely unkempt. The grass is knee-high. Weeds have taken over. There are piles of branches and leaves along the fence that never get bagged. Near the side of their garage sits a growing collection of broken outdoor items, including an old lawn chair and a couple of plastic bins that look like they’ve been there since move-in day.

The part I can’t stop thinking about is the impact on the rest of us. Last week, I was watering my plants when I saw a rat (or a very bold mouse) dart out of their tall grass and disappear under my hedge. I actually froze. We have a dog, Pippa, and she’s

always sniffing along that fence line. I’ve started worrying about ticks, pests and who-knows-what hiding in the weeds once warmer weather hits.

Here’s what makes this hard: The neighbors seem fine as people. The wife, “Marie,” has waved and introduced herself. Her husband, “Charlie,” keeps to himself but has nodded hello. They aren’t loud, rude or hostile. They just don’t seem to care about the yard at all. I don’t know if they’re overwhelmed, dealing with health issues or simply have different standards.

A friend came over for coffee recently, looked out the window and said, “Oh ... wow.” I laughed it off, but I felt embarrassed and irritated, like I’m the one failing some neighborhood standard.

I don’t want to start a feud. I don’t want to call the town and be “that neighbor.” But I also don’t think it’s fair that we’re the ones worrying about critters and staring at a mess every day.

Is there a respectful way to bring this up without sounding judgmental? Or do I need to accept that I can’t control what happens on someone else’s property? — Next Door and Nervous

DEAR NEXT DOOR AND NERVOUS: You can’t control their yard, but you can control your boundaries and

your sanity in check. Speak with Marie kindly and directly. Tell her your concern about pests and ticks with the tall grass along your shared fence, and ask her if she would mind trimming that section back. Keep your concerns specific. Avoid giving her a general speech about standards. Sometimes people truly don’t realize how far something has gone.

If nothing changes, check your town’s nuisance or overgrowth rules and report it without drama. That isn’t being “that neighbor.” That’s using the grown-up version of a referee when someone won’t stop hogging the ball.

And in the meantime, create your own visual fence — a row of shrubs, a privacy screen or taller plantings. If they insist on living like they’re on a nature preserve, you’re allowed to put up a tasteful border.

DEAR ANNIE: I moved 600 miles away from my hometown 40 years ago, but keeping up a relationship with my parents (who’ve since passed) and my four siblings was always important to me. Family was paramount to my mother, and she instilled that same value in me.

I traveled back home countless times, eventually with my husband and two children, for each of my siblings’ and their children’s and grandchildren’s wed-

dings, milestone birthdays, holiday celebrations, etc. When my sister moved to another state, I visited her several times. For my 40th birthday, I flew to my hometown and hosted them all at a nice restaurant. For my 60th birthday, I hosted my siblings at an expensive vacation home in Kauai.

My son is getting married this month and has chosen to have a destination wedding, also in Hawaii. My sister can’t attend because her husband is sick, which is understandable. One brother let me know he couldn’t attend because he had a trip planned near the date, though he didn’t say where to. Another brother said he might attend, but when the date was announced, he said he couldn’t make it because of hunting season.

I was shocked and saddened when, via social media, I found out that both brothers and their families were in Hawaii together just a month before the wedding. I had spoken by phone with both of them just before this, and they hadn’t said a word about it.

I started to take stock and realized my siblings have only visited me when they were on their way to some other destination and my home was a convenient stop along the way, or when my husband was giving one of them a boat or a car.

Only one attended my wedding; none attended my daughter’s. Now I feel like a fool for clinging to a false sense of family.

I’m done with reaching out or following them on social media. I have my own sweet family here around me. At this point, I don’t care if I ever see my siblings again in this lifetime. And I suspect I never will if I’m not the one making the effort.

Am I being too harsh? Have I been a fool all these years? — Letting Go on the West Coast

DEAR LETTING GO: You weren’t a fool. You were loyal and invested in what mattered to you. Most people would consider themselves lucky to have a family member like that.

Discovering your brothers went to Hawaii but couldn’t manage your son’s wedding -- or at least couldn’t be honest about why -- is the kind of revelation that truly stings.

You’re not harsh for recognizing the imbalance. Relationships require mutual effort, and it’s exhausting to be the only one extending it. If stepping back brings you peace, do so without guilt.

DEAR ANNIE: My younger sister is getting married this fall. I’m happy for her. The problem is her fiancé.

At family dinners he makes little digs at her — jokes about her cooking,

her spending, even her weight. When she laughs uncomfortably, he says, “Relax, you’re too sensitive.” Last Sunday, he teased her about “finally locking him down before 35,” and everyone chuckled. She smiled, but I cringed.

I pulled her aside once and asked if she was ever offended by some of his “jokes.” She told me I was overreacting and that this is just his sense of humor. The wedding invitations have gone out. Do I have to trust that she knows what she’s doing, or should I try to talk to her again? — Worried Big Sister

DEAR WORRIED BIG SISTER: You’ve already voiced your concern once. That was loving and appropriate. Repeating it now, especially with invitations mailed, is unlikely to change her mind -- but it could push her away at a time when she may need you most.

So here is the balance: Stand by her. Don’t criticize him publicly. Instead, strengthen her privately. Make sure she knows she deserves respect, not ridicule disguised as charm.

If the teasing is harmless, time will prove it. If it is not, she will remember who treated her with steady kindness.

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WINE:

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This “softening” trend has been disappointing at best and affects all wine lovers who desire dry reds to work with savory foods. Which makes purchasing dry reds so difficult.

But there are several ways around this. One

way is to acquire a taste for French or Italian red wines. Or, reds from Portugal or Spain.

Sad to say, I see the trend toward sweetness and softness as a particularly American trait and an odious one at that. I have nothing, per se, against sweetness in wine. But those who prefer truly dry wines find the trend so upset-

ting that many have essentially abandoned domestic vino.

This has led to a further downturn in U.S. sales that has been attributed to other factors as well.

In the last few years, I have purchased far more chianti, barolo, langhe nebbiolo, barbera, chinon, beaujolais, cotes du rhone and rioja than I have domestic reds.

Quality imports tend to be more authentic than domestic products.

This also applies in some ways to white wines, such as Spanish whites (alberino, verdejo) and Italian wines grillo, soave, roero, gavi, vernaccia and vermentino.

Another reason to consider wines like these is that usually they are priced more reasonably than are

widely popular varieties.

Wine tip of the Week:

One of my favorite red wines from Italy is called langhe nebbiolo, made from the grape that also makes Italy’s sensational barolo wines. Nebbiolo, which grows in the cooler northwest of Italy, is a lighter red grape. Its wine is often easier to drink when young than

an age-worthy barolo. It is almost always dry and works nicely with a wide variety of meats.

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“Dennis the Menace” turns 75 this week

The newspaper comic-strip premiered in 16 papers on March 12, 1951, and was created by Hank Ketcham.

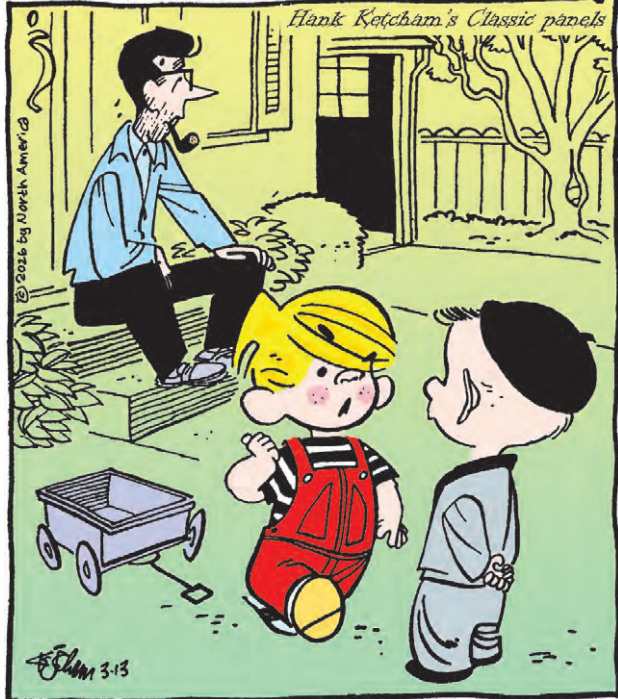
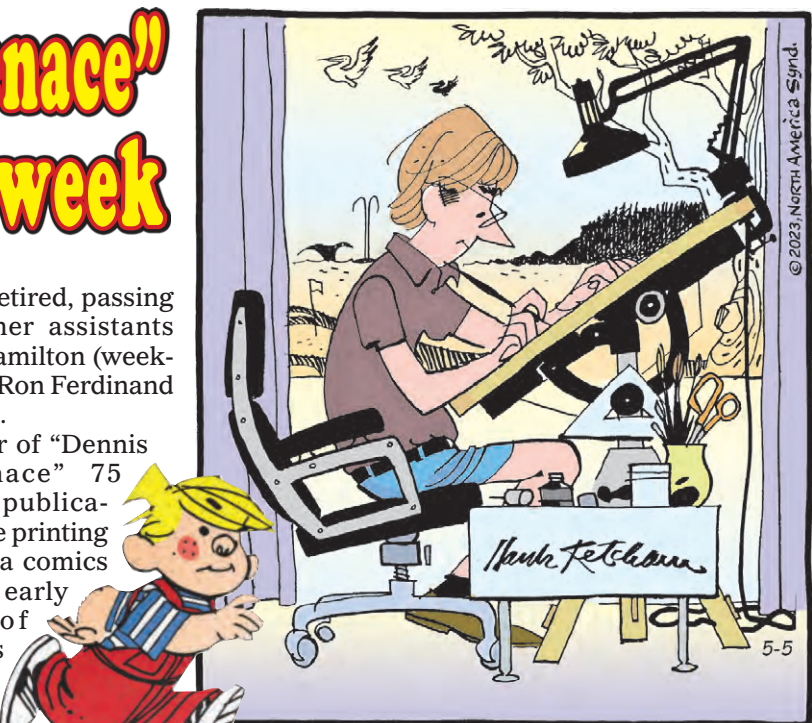
The idea was born after his 4-year-old son, Dennis Ketcham, made a mess of his room instead of napping. His wife, Alice, exclaiming, “Your son is a menace!” inspired the name.

Ketcham drew the daily strip until 1994,

when he retired, passing it to former assistants Marcus Hamilton (week-days) and Ron Ferdinand (Sundays).

In honor of “Dennis the Menace” 75 years of publication we are printing these extra comics from the early years of Ketcham’s run.

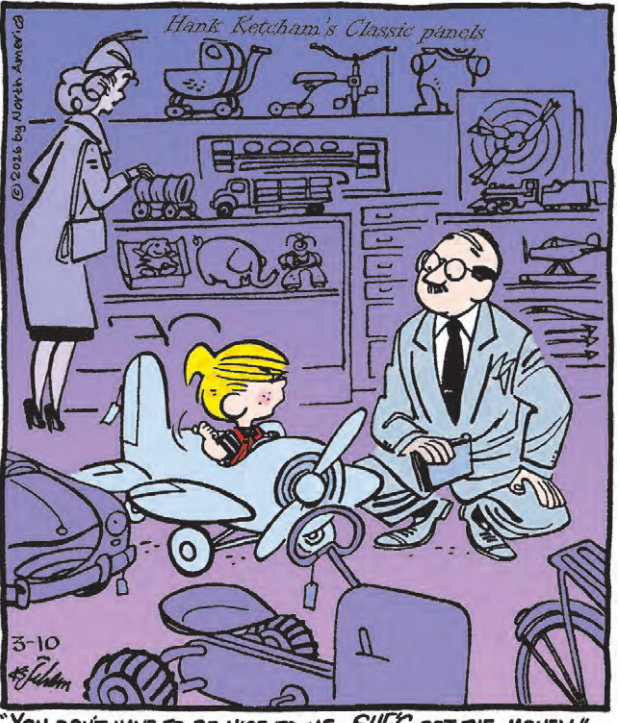
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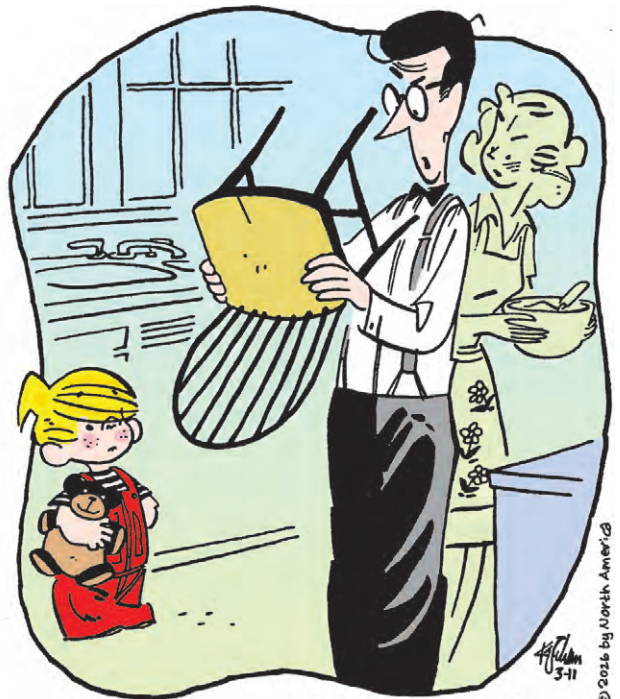
“LET’S ASK YOUR DAD! MINE JUST TURNED ALL RED AND SAID HE DIDN’T KNOW.”



“AN’ HE’S GOT REAL PRETTY PINK EYES, AN’ A NICE LONG TAIL, AN’ ... MOM? AW, MOM, WONT YA EVEN UNLOCK THE DOOR?”



“YOU DON’T HAVE TO BE NICE TO ME. SHE’S GOT THE MONEY.”



“... TWENTY-FOUR, TWENTY-FIVE, TWENTY-SIX! TWENTY-SIX PIECES OF USED BUBBLE GUM!”





THURSDAY COMICS

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Jim Davis

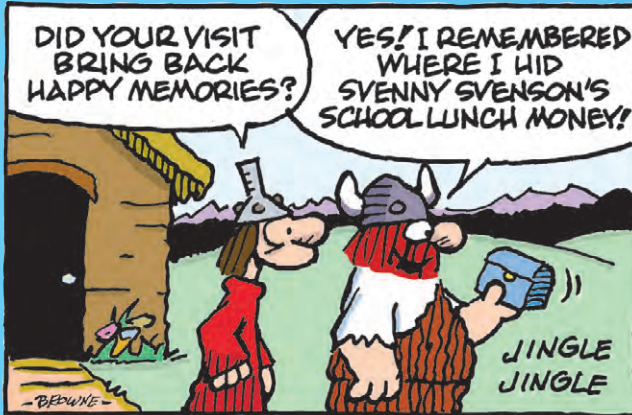
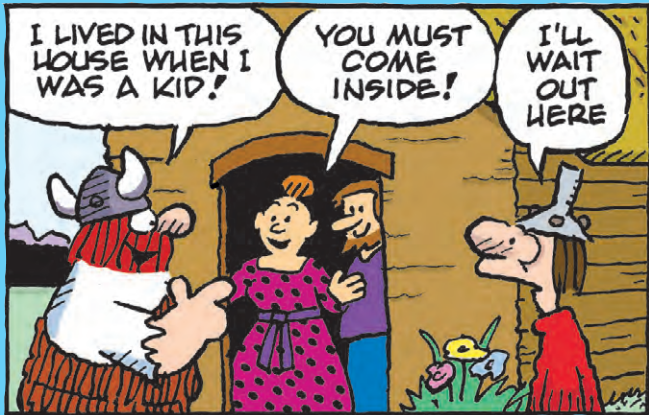


Hagar The Horrible

(Dik Browne & Chris Browne Original Creators) Bob Webber Jr. and Gary Hallgren

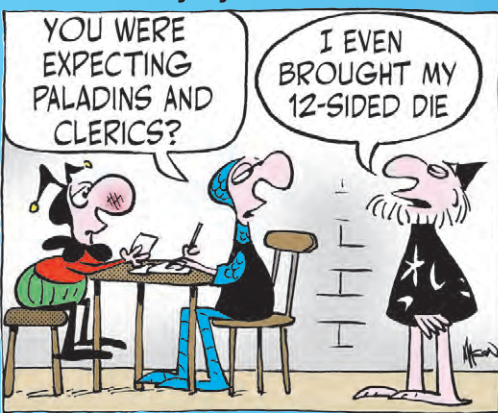
Close To Home

John McPherson



Wizard of Id

Created by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart. Currently by Mason Mastroianni



Ziggy

Tom Wilson



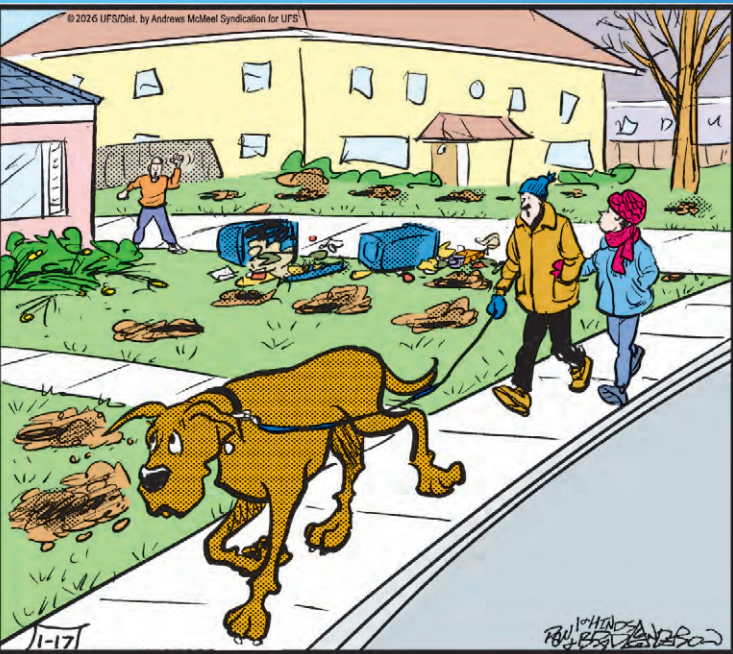
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Chris and Dean Young



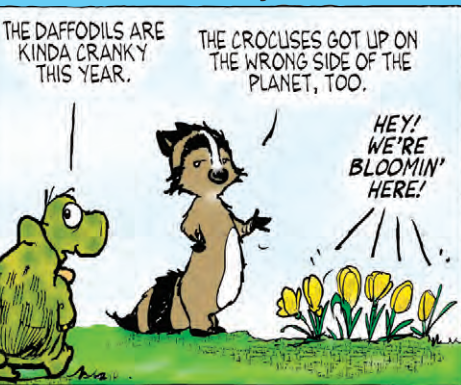
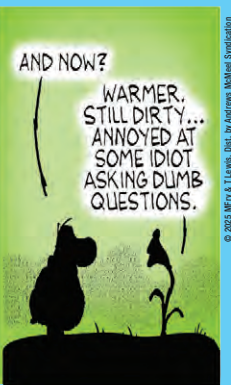
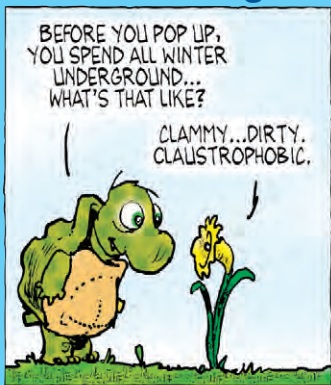
Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker



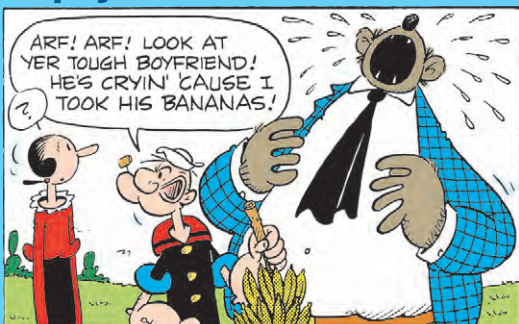
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Bill and Jeff Keane



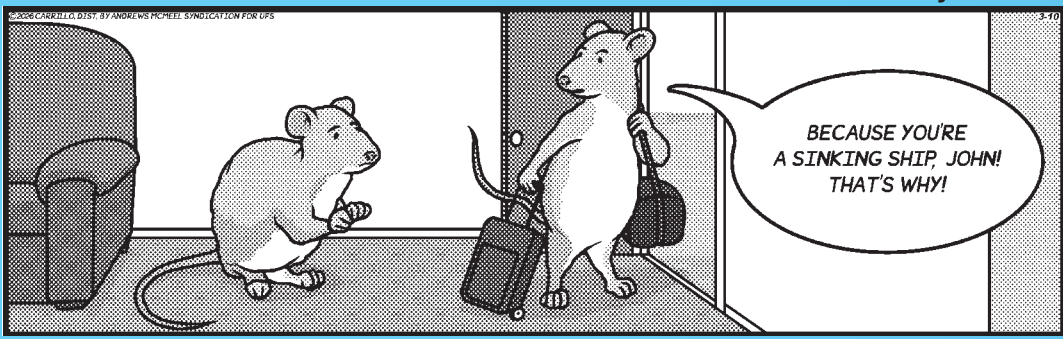
Popeye

Bud Sagendorf



F Minus

Tony Carrilo



Weekly Challenge

UNIVERSAL
Sudoku Puzzle

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	4				6			
	7	5		1		6		
		1		5	4	7		

Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Previous puzzle solution

6	8	1	7	5	3	2	9	4
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9	5	4	1	6	2	7	3	8
4	7	8	3	1	5	9	2	6
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2	3	7	5	8	1	4	6	9
8	4	6	2	7	9	3	1	5
1	9	5	4	3	6	8	7	2

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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3/5 Solution

Pointe Word Search

Find the words on the left in the puzzle below.

ALLIGATOR
COUGAR
ELEPHANT
GIRAFFE
GORILLA
LION
MONKEY
RINO
TIGER
ZEBRA
ZOO

M	O	N	K	E	Y	N	O	C	A
E	B	I	R	E	I	K	S	L	R
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C	R	E	F	F	A	R	I	G	E

Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: After 12:30 a.m. EDT today, there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in CAPRICORN.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, March 12, 2026: By nature, you're competitive. You're also intuitive, inquisitive and keen to explore new experiences. This is a year of learning and teaching. Take time to renew your spiritual or religious beliefs. Seek out philosophies that will give you a better understanding of the true meaning of your life.

♈ ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

Tread carefully today, because your interactions with bosses, parents and the police might not go well. Don't fuel the flame if you encounter conflict with someone. Use your best judgment. Tonight: You're noticed.

♉ TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

In discussions with others, avoid controversial subjects like politics, religion and racial issues today. However, your dealings with friends and organizations can be a positive experience if you choose your words carefully. Tonight: Explore and learn.

♊ GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

When dealing with taxes, debt or the responsibility for someone or something, you might take the lead because you feel confident and energetic. However, discussions with friends and groups might be tricky. Tonight: Check your finances.

♋ CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

Steer clear of parents, bosses and authority figures to avoid disagreements today, especially because you might be excited about expressing your opinions about controversial issues. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

♌ LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

Even though you might be gung-ho about something today — expect opposition due to rules, regulations or a different way of doing things in a different culture. Tread carefully and think before you speak or do anything. Tonight: Get organized.

♍ VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Romantic relationships are difficult today, which means you need to be patient and tolerant. Relations with your kids also might be challenging. You might choose to listen to a partner or friend. It's your choice. Tonight: Socialize!

♎ LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today you have a lot of energy to work and get organized; nevertheless, relations with partners and close friends will be challenging. You might be disappointed or discouraged by someone. Go gently. Tonight: Relax at home.

♏ SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You might be enthusiastic in your communications with others today, only to find out people disagree, especially at work. Figure out what works and avoid what doesn't. Tonight: Enthusiastic conversations.

♐ SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Romance, along with issues related to your kids, will be challenging for you today. Therefore, don't be demanding. Instead, work from home. Steer clear of problems. Tonight: Check your money.

♑ CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with Mars, which gives you a take-charge energy. This is good. However, it is also at odds with Venus, Saturn and Neptune. This is not good. Avoid hassles with home and family. Tonight: You win!

♒ AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today you are best served by keeping a low profile. Relax. Work alone or behind the scenes. Don't make a big deal about anything. However, respect your moneymaking ideas or financial plans. They might pay off. Tonight: Solitude.

♓ PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

This is a tricky day, because in one way, a friend might invigorate you and encourage you to take over a project or run the show. However, a friend or someone in a group might have financial disagreements with you. Step carefully today. Tonight: Be friendly.

BORN TODAY

Singer-songwriter James Taylor (1948), actress Jaimie Alexander (1984), actor Titus B. Welliver (1962).

Contract Bridge

LOOK FOR THE SILVER LINING

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A K 10 9 5
♥ 7 2
♦ Q 4 2
♣ 10 7 3

WEST

♠ 7 6 4
♥ 10 8 6 5 3
♦ 5
♣ Q 8 4 2

EAST

♠ Q 8 2
♥ K J 9 4
♦ A 10 9 8 3
♣ 6

SOUTH

♠ J 3
♥ A Q
♦ K J 7 6
♣ A K J 9 5

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 ♣ Pass 1 ♠
Dble Redble 2 ♥ 2 ♠
Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — five of hearts.

two clubs — he goes down one.
Similarly, if declarer attacks clubs rather than spades at the outset, the outcome will be the same.
However, there is much more to the deal than initially meets the eye, and the answer lies in the bidding.
East's takeout double at his second turn makes it a virtual certainty that he has the ace of diamonds. It then becomes a matter of whether declarer can put this information to good use. And the solution is that South should temporarily ignore both of his long suits in favor of attacking diamonds first!
For this approach to be effective, though, the initial diamond lead must come from dummy. If instead declarer leads a diamond honor from his hand, or a low diamond to dummy's queen, he will meet the same sorry fate described earlier.
To assure the contract, South should cross to dummy with a spade at trick two and return the diamond deuce, placing East in a hopeless position. If he plays low, declarer wins and establishes his clubs to produce nine tricks — two spades, two hearts, a diamond and four clubs. And if East goes up with the diamond ace instead, declarer again has nine tricks — two spades, two hearts, three diamonds and two clubs.

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by Steve Becker

Universal Crossword

Edited by Taylor Johnson March 12, 2026

ACROSS

1 Flakes when it's cold outside
5 Former Iranian ruler
9 Onetime Sony game console: Abbr.
12 ____ moco (rhyming Hawaiian dish)
13 Little bit, in Spanish
14 Arthur of tennis
15 ***"South Park" or "Futurama," e.g.
18 Bell tower
19 Small valley
20 Fuzzy boot brand
22 Cheeky
23 "k bye!"
24 Fuzzy image
25 Angel
26 Reese's Southern alma mater
27 "I get it now!"
28 Sound feed
32 *Pursuit for a future Mr. Olympia competitor
33 Sheep with horns, typically
34 Trippy drug
41 *2003 Evanesence hit
42 Shoestrings
43 Major record label
44 "____ Croft and the Temple of Osiris" (2014 video game)

46 Chatted on Slack, say
47 Apex
49 Penny-pincher
50 "Heartbreaker" singer Benatar
51 Voting group
52 Word before "giant" or "soul"
53 Mary Shelley character who created a monster ... and who might've been inspired by the starred clues' answers, in modern times?
56 "BoJack Horseman" voice actor Paul
57 World's second-tallest birds
58 ____ Speed-wagon
59 Bronx MLB team, on scoreboards
60 Like an optimistic outlook
61 Likely worthless crypto asset: Abbr.

62 Boo
7 Dose of a trippy drug
8 Cozy and welcoming
9 Letter after chi
10 "Do you want me to?"
11 "Batman" villain named after a black-and-white bird
14 Georgia airport code
16 Attempt
17 ____-or-nothing
21 Pirate's drink
23 Stuffing herb
24 Pal
26 He lived in Eden
27 Discount grocery chain
29 WHO and CARE,
for two
30 Letter-shaped bike security device

31 Cuba, por ejemplo
34 Radar screen spot
35 Islamic month of fasting
36 Freezer container
37 Homer's neighbor
38 GPS ____ (location-finding device)
39 Fire-starting aid
40 Maine's time zone
44 "Glad that's over!" feeling
45 "Am so!" retort
47 Scheme
48 Ages
49 Unkempt
51 "... dude!"
52 Wildebeests
54 Cook in oil
55 Genre for the Get Up Kids

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

A	M	O	S		S	O	O	N		A	S	I	S	
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3/5 Solution

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It's Alive!

by Will Eisenberg and Kareem Ayas

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	53		54						55				
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	59								60				61

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Blue Devils win nail-biting district final

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The drama and excitement of playoff basketball filled the gym at Grosse Pointe South last week during the Division

1 girls basketball district tournament, but the most exciting action was saved for last. South hosted Detroit Martin Luther King Jr. Friday, March 6, in a game that was tight and evenly

matched the whole way through, with the Blue Devils pulling off a fourth-quarter comeback to win 42-37.

South earned its trip to the district final with a 50-39 win over Detroit Cass Tech last Wednesday, March 4.

There was little separation between the Blue Devils and Crusaders during last Friday's game. South led by just two points after the first quarter and remained in front by just four going into halftime with the score 21-17.

King then turned the tide in its favor coming out of halftime, as the Crusaders surged in the third quarter, while South's offense slowed down. South had some offensive struggles throughout the night in the district title game, but trailing 30-27 going into the fourth quarter, the Blue Devils proved they could overcome those difficulties in the big moments.

"We've had games where we shot it well, but tonight was not that night," South girls basketball coach Kevin Richards said. "... We got a lot up and we had some turnovers, but we had



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe South's varsity girls basketball team holds the Division 1 district championship trophy after defeating Detroit King Friday, March 6, 42-37 in the district final.

'They had an unbelievable effort by the whole team. Sometimes, things weren't going well, but we had people step up.'

KEVIN RICHARDS, GP SOUTH GIRLS BASKETBALL HEAD COACH

Devils close the gap. A pair of clutch free throws by Morgan Duff with just over a minute remaining put the Blue Devils ahead for good, with the defense holding King scoreless in the final minute to secure the win.

Sophomore Evie Baer led South with 13 points in the win, while junior Ciara Pongratz added 12. Winning the district

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South players Clara Bachert (No. 4) and Morgan Duff form a double team on defense against Detroit King in the district championship game Friday, March 6.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Eickhorst's season with South hockey reignites love for the game

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Joining a team for the first time during senior year can be a bit of an intimidating task, especially joining a group as tightly knit as the Grosse Pointe South varsity girls hockey team. However, it did not take long for Sydney Eickhorst to fit right in with the Blue Devils when she decided to leave Triple-A travel hockey and join South's team this winter — especially since some of her friends and Blue Devil teammates had been trying to recruit her to the team for some time.

"My first few years (as a student) at South, I

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Sydney Eickhorst

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was still loving the Triple-A hockey world," Eickhorst said. "I

thought that by senior year, if I decided I didn't want to really play in college or anything, then I would come and play for South. I decided last spring, after talking to people more and seeing how much fun the team is and playing with everyone, that's when I really decided to take a break from travel hockey and come play

here."

Eickhorst left her Triple-A team at Honeybaked Hockey Club to join the Blue Devils and their quest for a third consecutive Michigan Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 state title. South's hopes for a three-peat came up just short with a loss to Traverse City in the state championship game Saturday, March 7, but spending a season with the Blue Devils is something Eickhorst will always remember.

There was an adjustment period as she found her place and built on-ice chemistry with her new team. Once things started to click, Eickhorst's season took off and never looked back.

"In the first month of practicing, I got used to playing with everyone more," she said. "I started the year on defense, then they moved me up to center. I got more comfortable



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South senior Sydney Eickhorst brings the puck through the neutral zone for the Blue Devils in the Division 1 state championship game Saturday, March 7.

there because I got used to playing with my line. ... I think that was when I really got used to the flow of the team." Once she got used to

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Super Sydney

- Led South girls hockey with 43 points (31 G, 12 A) this season
- Recorded a hat trick in Div. 1 state semifinal March 4
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Strong South girls hockey season finishes just short of three-peat

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

For the first time since 2019, the title of Division 1 girls hockey state champion belongs to a team outside of the Pointes. After a ‘three-peat’ of titles by University Liggett School from 2021 to 2023, the Grosse Pointe South varsity girls hockey team had a chance to win its third consecutive state championship Saturday, March 7, but finished the season as state runner-up with a 6-0 loss in the championship game to Traverse City.

“We came into this season with a very strong group of girls,” South girls hockey head coach Lexi Bohlinger said. “... We worked hard all season and fought through a lot of obstacles and made it to the (championship) game. The girls put on the absolute best showing that they possibly could.”

The Blue Devils



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South senior captain Ruby Lenhard skates past a Traverse City defender during the Division 1 state championship game Saturday, March 7.

earned another trip to the Michigan Girls High School Hockey League (MGHSHL) Division 1 title game with a 5-1 victory over Flint United in the semifinals Wednesday, March 4. Four of South’s goals in the semifinal win came in the first period.

Sydney Eickhorst scored twice, while Evie Wodzisz and Tinley Gram added goals as well to help South build a 4-1 lead after one period. Eickhorst completed her hat trick later in the game as the Blue Devils cruised to a win. Last Saturday’s state

championship game between South and Traverse City felt like an almost inevitable matchup, as both teams were two of the strongest in the state the entire season. With the teams splitting the four regular-season meetings between them,

Traverse City ultimately came away with the deciding win in the championship.

Traverse City scored three times in the opening period to jump to an early lead. It added a pair of goals to its advantage in the second period and a final tally

in the third sealed the win.

While the loss caused South’s season to end as the state runner-up, making another trip to the state championship game showed how strong the Blue Devils’ program has become in recent years. It was the final time wearing the South sweater for some key players, such as Audrey Reynolds, Charlotte Harr, Evie Wodzisz, Eleanor Smith and more. They helped build South into a perennial powerhouse and their leadership was evident until the very end.

“The girls who have been here since day one, their maturity level really showed,” Bohlinger said. “They helped keep the younger girls mentally on track and motivated everyone to keep working toward our goals. ... I can coach them all day to want to play until the end, but when the girls buy in like that, that’s when everything comes together.”

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title was the culmination of a long week for South, playing and winning three playoff games in five days, but it was a team effort to the fullest in order to get it done.

“We had Ciara (Pongratz) and Morgan (Duff) play all 32 min-

utes of all three games this week,” Richards said. “They had an unbelievable effort by the whole team. Sometimes, things weren’t going well, but we had people step up. Maddy Schwesinger came in and got us a jump ball and some rebounds and took a charge, doing a lot of the intangible things that we need to do

to win. I’m really proud of all of them and they’re going to remember this for sure.”

The Blue Devils faced Temperance Bedford in the Division 1 regional semifinal after press time Tuesday, March 10. The regional championship game is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at East English Village Prep Academy.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South’s Morgan Duff brings the ball up the court for the Blue Devils in the district semifinal against Detroit Cass Tech Wednesday, March 4.

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The 2026 March Board of Review will convene in the City Hall at 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

The meeting is scheduled as follows:

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March 16, 2026 @ 1:00 PM

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March 16, 2026 @ 1:30 PM to 9:00 PM
March 17, 2026 @ 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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PHOTO BY LEON HALIP

Sydney Eickhorst joined South’s varsity girls hockey team for her first season this winter after playing Triple-A travel hockey with Honeybaked Hockey Club.

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the flow and the pace of high school hockey as opposed to Triple-A, there seemed to be no stopping Eickhorst. She led the Blue Devils in points this season with 43 in 23 games, including 31 goals and 12 assists.

What helps is that Eickhorst seems to always have her head on a swivel. She can be the Blue Devils’ ultimate playmaker by knowing what is going on around

her on the ice at all times. The chemistry that quickly formed with her teammates helped South continue to be one of the most dominant teams in the state for much of the season.

“I’ve been told that I see and know the game very well,” Eickhorst said. “My mindset is to work hard and focus on the plays and passes that I’m making. Even when I don’t have the puck, I’m noticing what’s going on around me on the ice. I’m a very visual person when I’m

playing and I have a really focused mindset.”

Eickhorst’s journey with the Blue Devils this winter ended with the state championship game last Saturday. The season may have ended short of another state title for South, but there are no regrets from Eickhorst about her choice to play her senior season with the Blue Devils. What she brought to the team in her single season with the program was a strong presence felt both on and off the ice that the Blue Devils hope more players might learn from in the future.

“She definitely spoke loudly on the ice,” South girls hockey head coach Lexi Bohlinger said. “Having a player like that on your team, you can build so much around them...Everyone wants to play with a teammate like that.”

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ULS playoff run ends in semifinal

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

This winter marked one of the most successful seasons for the University Liggett School varsity boys hockey team in over a decade. The Knights were able to capture a regional championship and make their return to the state final four for the first time since 2012. That return to championship weekend meant a matchup in the Division 3 state semifinal Friday, March 6, against Orchard Lake St. Mary's, where Liggett's run came to an end with a 7-2 loss.

While the final score was heavily in St. Mary's favor, it was Liggett who dominated the first period. The Knights jumped on the Eaglets early, with Nick Gould scoring just 40 seconds into the game to give Liggett an early 1-0 advantage.

Griffin Marchal extended the Knights' lead to two goals when he found the back of the

net later in the opening period. The momentum shifted in the final seconds of the first frame when the Eaglets' Charlie Roberts scored just before the buzzer to end the period, cutting Liggett's lead in half before the break.

"We had a great start, and I was extremely proud of the way we started that game," Liggett boys hockey head coach Colin Smith said. "The goal at the end of the first was a big momentum change... They took the momentum they had and kept rolling with it, and we couldn't match it."

St. Mary's went on to dominate the game from that point. A shorthanded goal by Matthew Mourad early in the second period tied the game. Roberts then scored his second goal of the day on the power play to officially give the Eaglets the lead. Daniel Ramos, Brandon Kondrat and Dominic Pizzo helped St. Mary's cap off a five-goal second



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett's Landen Maltby lines up for a faceoff across from Charlie Roberts from St. Mary's.

period. Another goal by Mourad was the only tally of the third period as the Eaglets finished the win.

St. Mary's went on to face Houghton in the Division 3 state championship game Saturday, March 7. The Eaglets fell to the Gremlins 5-2 as Houghton claimed its first state title in more than 40 years.

For Liggett, the team finished the season as regional champions and Catholic League Cardinal Division champions. State, while Ryan Cordaro received an All-State honorable mention. The Knights will look to build on this season's success next winter, but will have to do so without

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Knights reclaim district crown

The University Liggett School varsity girls basketball team won the Division 3 district championship last Friday, March 6, in a close 49-47 victory against Bishop Foley. The Knights advanced to the regional round of the playoffs, where they lost 56-36 to Dearborn Heights Robichaud in the regional semifinal Monday, March 9.

Luke Slanec looks to make a pass for Liggett in the offensive zone during the Division 3 state semifinal against Orchard Lake St. Mary's Friday, March 6.

PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA



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a large group of senior leaders who are graduating. The core of Liggett's leadership may change, but the impact this year's senior class will have on the program for years to come might be immeasurable.

"Our leadership core set the tone daily," said Smith. "...It shaped the entire locker room. The

consistency helped us play some of our best and most complete hockey and compete with top programs across the state. Guys improved every day, and we had different players stepping up into different roles and contributing in key moments...I ask the boys at the end of the year every year if they left the program in a better spot than where they found it, and they delivered."

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